

Ribbon Cutting Marks Growing University-Industry Partnerships

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May 11, 2018 – The College of Engineering at Utah State University invites students, faculty, staff and members of the community to a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, May 14 at the USU Electric Vehicle & Roadway (EVR) Research Facility & Test Track.

The event is scheduled for 2–4 pm at the test track complex located at 670 E. 1550 North near Lee's Marketplace.

Quick Read

- Ribbon-cutting ceremony at EVR Research Facility & Test Track
- 2-4 pm Monday, May 14, 670 E. 1550 North near Lee's Marketplace
- Speakers include USU VP for Research Mark McLellan and Rocky Mountain Power Sr. VP Gary Hoogeveen

The event marks the first phase completion of a newly-installed solar array and new electric vehicle charging stations at the EVR. The solar panel system was made possible through Rocky Mountain Power incentives and a large Blue Sky grant. The ChargePoint EV charging stations were provided through funding from the Utah Sustainable Transportation & Energy Plan initiative administered by Rocky Mountain Power. These two installations plus three current research projects have resulted in more than \$1.2 million in funding from Rocky Mountain Power to Utah State University over the past year.



USU Vice President for Research, Mark McLellan, and Gary Hoogeveen, Senior VP for Rocky Mountain Power, are scheduled to speak. Following their remarks, guests are invited to stay for open-house activities including technology demos, tours, project highlights, electric vehicle ride-and-drive, e-bike rides, student poster presentations and more.

David Christensen, Executive Director of the Sustainable Electrified Transportation research center at USU, says the purpose of the event is to recognize the expanding partnerships that USU is developing with companies including Rocky Mountain Power and others in support of the EVR complex and its role in cutting-edge research in electric transportation.

A one-of-a-kind facility, the EVR is home to a quarter-mile-long electrified test track and high-bay research facility. Inside, engineers and researchers from universities, industry and government are working to develop the technology that will optimize today's and enable tomorrow's sustainable electrified transportation.

Photos from after the event

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