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### **nanoGriptech, LLC Expanding Operations; Signs Lease at Chocolate Factory in Lawrenceville**

**JULY 1, 2011: Pittsburgh, PA** – nanoGriptech, LLC is expanding their operation by a moving into the growing technology hub at the RIDC Chocolate Factory building in the Lawrenceville Technology Center. nanoGriptech has signed a lease for 2,408 square feet with the RIDC. The space will be primarily office and lab.

In 2009, Dr. Metin Sitti, a professor from Carnegie Mellon University, founded nanoGriptech, LLC as a spin-off from the University. Inspired by the amazing climbing ability of geckos and insects due to their micro and nanoscaled foot hairs, nanoGriptech aims to develop and mass produce repeatable polymer micro/nano-fibrillar adhesives for a wide range of product applications.

“We are excited about the growth of nanoGriptech in the Pittsburgh region and to be a further catalyst in the development of technology related concerns with RIDC in the Lawrenceville area” says Metin Sitti, President and CEO of nanoGriptech, LLC.

Don Smith, President of RIDC, said “We are very excited to have nanoGriptech as our newest tenant in the Chocolate Factory. They will join established technology companies such as Precision Therapeutics, Redzone Robotics and Everpower Wind Holdings in the building. Our commitment to helping grow technology businesses is among our most important initiatives and to do it in the City of Pittsburgh and Lawrenceville is especially rewarding.”

RIDC is recognized as one of Pennsylvania’s largest and most successful private, not-for-profit economic development corporations. Since 1955, RIDC has been active in the development of urban and suburban business parks in the ten counties of southwestern Pennsylvania. In addition, RIDC acts as a loan sponsor on behalf of business enterprises throughout the region with a variety of city, county, state and federal agencies. [www.ridc.org](http://www.ridc.org)

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