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GLOBAL TRANSPARK TO HOST DISPLAY OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE

The North Carolina Global TransPark Authority will host a display of an autonomous vehicle designed by Insight Racing and the College of Engineering at North Carolina State University this week.

The car's developers hope that the vehicle will be chosen to compete in the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Grand Challenge on November 3, 2007.

The event will take place on Friday, May 25 at 2:30 p.m. and will be held at the TransPark Center at 3800 Highway 58 North near Kinston.

DARPA created the Grand Challenge events to advance unmanned vehicle driving technology more rapidly, answering a Congressional mandate to convert one-third of military vehicles to driverless, computer-driven mode by 2015.

The event will feature remarks by Insight Racing founder Grayson Randall and a welcome from Darlene Waddell, executive director of the N.C. Global TransPark. Other speakers include Simon Cobb of Lotus Engineering Inc. and Dr. Robert Fornaro of NC State University's College of Engineering. Racing team members will also be available to the media.

Plans call for the vehicle to be available for inspection in TransPark Center's interior high-bay area.

Please contact Jennifer Russo at 252.522.4929 for additional information and directions if needed.

For more information about Insight Racing, please contact Walt Sliva at 919.931.1118.