DR. RAMESH KOLLURU

Dr. Ramesh Kolluru serves as the Vice President for Research, Innovation and Economic Development at

the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL Lafayette). He is a nationally recognized leader in the areas of science and technology, public-impact research, economic and workforce development, as well as innovation

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In his role as Vice President, since 2013, he has established the overarching vision, provided tactical direction, and developed strategic priorities and partnerships working with the senior administration of UL Lafayette. His leadership efforts have galvanized the transition of the University into the prestigious Carnegie R1 Top-Tier University in 2021, for the first time in its 125-year history – a designation held only by the top 3% of US universities. UL Lafayette has significantly expanded its regional, national, and global impact through research, innovation, and economic development. Under his leadership, UL Lafayette has increased

its annual R&D expenditures from $62M in 2013 to $164M in 2020, a growth of 168%, while increasing its

intellectual human capital (post-doctoral & research scholars) by 1678% and innovation outcomes (patents issued) by 1200%. He has served as UL