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An ITC Information meeting was held in San Antonio on June 7, at Landry's on the river. The meeting was held to inform the interested parties of the progress of the center. Guy Fipps of the Texas A&M University System presided over the meeting.

Items discussed were the outcome of the Beach Ramirez report, which was completed, February 20, 2002. The report found that the ITC is critically needed in Texas, the costs for the new San Antonio facility should run between $26 to $31 million (excluding land) and generate revenue of $3.4 million within a few years of completion. To read the report in its entirety visit www.beachramirez.com.

On March 22, 2002 the Texas A&M board of regents approved the ITC concept paper and approved the ITC full proposal and established the center on May 24, 2002. This step opens the center for funding from the State Legislature and the start of capital campaign plan being formulated by the Agricultural Development Office.

For more information and resources visit the ITC Website at http://itc.tamu.edu.