

## NJIT FY 2007 Budget Priorities

- **Operating Support: \$1.8 million** The investment, 3.5% of the NJIT base appropriation, is essential to support inflationary increases and maintain general operations without significantly increasing the financial burden on the students and their families.
- **Salary Program: \$5.1 million** Collective bargaining agreements have been accepted by all unions consistent with the State-wide pattern for across-the-board salary increases. Eligible employees also participate in a merit program. Full funding for the FY07 salary program is especially important in view of the fact that the FY06 salary program was under funded by \$2.3 million.
- **Homeland Security: \$1.0 million** Currently, there is little to insure that technology purchased by local, county, state and federal levels will lend itself to integrated usage to create a comprehensive web of protection from terrorist attacks. To address this issue, Executive Order No. 111 created the Homeland Security Technology Systems Center at NJIT in June, 2004. The Center's focus is to leverage New Jersey's core research strengths and to develop partnerships to insure basic standards of performance and inter-operability of technologies.
- **The New Jersey Center in Newark for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education: \$1.5 million** NJIT proposes to acquire and renovate Newark's Central High School, which is being replaced by a new facility opening in the fall of 2007, to serve as the location for the State's flagship center for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (S&T) education, "New Jersey's S&T Education Center in Newark," to assist in improving the quality of all levels of pre-college teaching and learning in New Jersey's school systems. NJIT, as the State's science and technology research university, is uniquely positioned and qualified to serve as the State's leader in this area. NJIT will acquire Central High School with its own funds, but will require additional funding to renovate the structure and will work with Treasury, NJDEA, and NJEFA to develop a complete financing plan for this purpose. \$1.5 million is requested in FY07 to begin the design and development of specific plans for the building.
- **Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership (IFEL): \$1.0 million** IFEL is an independent, not-for-profit organization housed in and supported by the NJIT technology business incubators that supports inner city economic development through entrepreneurship. State funding would allow incubation services to women and minority owned businesses, IFEL's focus, to create economic opportunities for local community residents regardless of whether the business is technology focused or not.