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## **ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES REACHES ACCORD WITH UNIVERSITY ATTORNEYS ON LICENSING TERMS FOR DIGITAL MEDIA TRANSMISSION TECHNOLOGY**

Newport Beach, Calif. – (BUSINESS WIRE) October 12, 2005 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG; CBMX) announced today that its Acacia Media Technologies subsidiary, which is part of the Acacia Technologies group, has reached an accord with attorneys from the university community on licensing terms for the use of Acacia's Digital Media Transmission ("DMT<sup>®</sup>") technology. The revised license offer includes an annual fixed fee royalty payment that is based on the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students, and exempts non-profit colleges and universities with less than 1,000 students. The revised terms will only be available to non-profit U.S. colleges and universities that enter into the license agreement on or before December 1, 2005.

"After receiving input from several of my colleagues in the non-profit college and university community, I have worked with Acacia over the past several months to draft a license agreement suitable for the non-profit educational community", said Wesley Blakeslee, Associate General Counsel of The Johns Hopkins University. "The revised license addresses many of the problems that schools had with the terms of the earlier Acacia proposals regarding licensing of its DMT patents. Although it is up to each school to make its own decision on whether it needs or desires a license, I believe the new license form provides a reasonable option for those schools that wish to obtain a license."

Paul Ryan, Chairman and CEO of Acacia, commented, "We are pleased that we have reached an accord with attorneys from the university community on our DMT licensing program. We look forward to eligible schools signing on by the deadline."

The revised license is available on Acacia's website at [www.acaciatechnologies.com](http://www.acaciatechnologies.com). The current terms of the revised license are fixed through the expiration of Acacia's DMT patents, and are available to schools that enter into a license prior to December 1, 2005.

Acacia has entered into 304 license agreements for its DMT technology with companies that provide online entertainment, movies, music, news, and sports, e-learning, cable television services, hotel on-demand television services, and corporate advertising and promotion.

## **ABOUT ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION**

Acacia Research Corporation comprises two operating groups, Acacia Technologies group and CombiMatrix group.

The Acacia Technologies group develops, acquires, and licenses patented technologies. Acacia controls 33 patent portfolios, which include over 120 U.S. patents, and certain foreign counterparts, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries including audio/video enhancement & synchronization, broadcast data retrieval, computer memory cache coherency, credit card fraud protection, database management, data encryption & product activation, digital media transmission (DMT<sup>®</sup>), digital video production, dynamic manufacturing modeling, enhanced Internet navigation, high resolution optics, image resolution enhancement, interactive data

sharing, interactive television, hearing aid ECS, interstitial Internet advertising, laptop docking station connectivity, microprocessor enhancement, multi-dimensional bar codes, network data storage, resource scheduling, rotational video imaging and spreadsheet automation.

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Information about the Acacia Technologies group and the CombiMatrix group is available at [www.acaciaresearch.com](http://www.acaciaresearch.com).

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