The Research + Technology Park is the best possible environment for us. It represents the opportunity to build a virtual team — with members from both industry and academics — that will strengthen our leadership in driving the mobile and wireless revolution. 

TERRY STEPIEN, PRESIDENT, iAnywhere SOLUTIONS

The ability to be connected anywhere. To make enterprise information available and give people the freedom to work wherever they are, at any time. That's the business of iAnywhere Solutions, a subsidiary of Sybase, Inc., the first anchor tenant of the University of Waterloo Research + Technology Park. More than twelve thousand companies and a one thousand partners worldwide rely on iAnywhere's market-leading database and mobile enterprise solutions. One of these solutions is AvantGo, the company's mobile Internet service that delivers over 2,500 channels of content to more than ten million subscribers.

building a new future on familiar ground.

iAnywhere's history with the University goes back more than twenty years. The company started out in 1981 as Watcom, a spin-off of research developed at the University by professor Wes Graham. "We've been at it for a while," says iAnywhere President Terry Stepien, as he recounts the company's relationship with the University. "Twenty-five years ago in the software industry, there were no PCs. I don't think people had thought of wireless. There was no Internet. All that has happened in the time we've been working together."

The company has maintained its close ties with the University and local community over the years. In fact, over ninety percent of the software developers in iAnywhere's Waterloo offices attended the University of Waterloo and many of its employees started as co-op students.

iAnywhere's new $11 million facility will house the company's first Wi-Fi competency centre, and will couple industry needs with the University's research to find solutions for today's mobile challenges such as security, roaming, and battery life.

coming together as a community of technology talent.

Currently, the company is spread out among three buildings in Waterloo and is dealing with a real squeeze for space. The new research complex will change all that. The iAnywhere building anchors the Research Park as a beautiful 105,000 square foot home for the company's marketing, sales, professional services, technical support, and research and development employees.

The site will also include space for employees from other Sybase business units, and has room to accommodate future growth. "With our new state-of-the-art office space, we will be able to consolidate all of our Waterloo area employees and expand our local presence," comments Stepien.

The facility will feature the latest office and wireless technology — including 802.11 and Bluetooth.
Part of the company’s decision to locate in the Research Park was the unprecedented access to the University’s faculty, students, and alumni. Joint research opportunities are in the works for industry and University researchers to collaborate on projects and develop new technology products. iAnywhere and other Park tenants also have the full support of a hand-picked leadership team of faculty and alumni committed to helping industry locate specific findings and information — within the University and beyond.

The Research + Technology Park is a $214 million partnership of the University of Waterloo, the Region of Waterloo, the City of Waterloo, the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, Communitech, and Canada’s Technology Triangle. With over 1.2 million square feet of office space, the Park is located on 120-acres of the University’s North campus.

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