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**Statement from CECI about Scientific Research Corp.'s Decision to Establish
an Office in Asheville to Support Climate and Earth Science Initiatives**

ASHEVILLE, NC, May 8, 2008 — The Centers for Environmental and Climatic Interaction (CECI) in Asheville hailed this evening's announcement by Scientific Research Corporation that it has opened an office in Asheville to support climate and earth science initiatives. SRC's decision gives significant impetus to CECI's efforts to bring additional federal agencies and programs to Asheville, and also to attract university and commercial partners engaged in understanding climate change and providing related services.

SRC's new Earth Sciences Operation in Asheville will provide expertise for strategic planning and development for government and private sector business opportunities. SRC said it intends to support NOAA's National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) and other government organizations to help develop a strategy to meet the increased demands for climate data and information. The company indicated that it believes strongly in Asheville's vision of becoming a national leader for climate data and information, and in the work of CECI and others to support that vision.

"For Asheville's climate services community to win significant government programs, we need a partner that has had a successful track record in federal government work," said George Briggs, president of CECI. "In SRC, we have hit a home run. We have a tremendous corporate partner and an anchor that will stimulate other aspects of climate research, development and related services in Asheville."

"The presence of NOAA's National Climatic Data Center and CECI were both key in our decision to locate our new operation in Asheville," said Joe Durham, Ph.D., senior vice president of SRC. "CECI's leadership reached out and helped us see that Asheville has unique strengths in this arena and that opportunities exist in the work related to climate information and services."

About CECI

The Centers for Environmental and Climatic Interaction (www.ClimateAlive.org) is a non-profit education and research partnership among government, academia and industry whose goal is to encourage the development of trusted climate change information and analyses for policymakers, governments, businesses and the public. Located in Asheville, North Carolina, home of NOAA's National Climatic Data Center, CECI is supported by the Asheville Hub and many other partners and is administered through the North Carolina Arboretum.