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## **Harris Corporation Headquarters to Remain in Brevard County**

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**Brevard County, Fla. (July 10, 2015)** – Harris Corporation announced today that it will maintain its corporate headquarters in Brevard County, Florida. The announcement follows the company's acquisition of Exelis Inc.

The EDC has been working closely with Harris leadership and our state economic development leaders. This decision is the result of multiple meetings and discussions that have taken place since the announcement of the acquisition of Virginia-based Exelis, Inc.

William Brown, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Harris Corporation, said, "Thanks to the leadership of Governor Scott and the low tax, business-friendly climate in Florida, Harris Corporation has decided to keep our corporate headquarters in Brevard County. We are proud of our decades-long relationship with the local community and we appreciate the support of the Governor and the local economic development commission as we remained focused on our future growth. We know Florida is the best place for our company, and we look forward to many more years of success in the Sunshine state."

"We are excited to announce today that Harris Corporation has chosen Florida as the best place for their business. Thousands of Floridians are currently employed by Harris Corporation, and this decision means they will continue to be able to work and provide for their families. Over the past four and half years, we have worked to lower taxes and reduce regulations so businesses like Harris Corporation can succeed and create opportunities in the Sunshine State. We will keep working to grow jobs and make Florida the number one place in the world for business," stated Governor Rick Scott.

"Today's announcement is gratifying in many ways, says Lynda Weatherman, president and CEO, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast. "An economic powerhouse, Harris' impact is felt beyond jobs and the prestige its corporate headquarters provides allows us to be globally competitive. When we think of the growth and development of Harris, it's a reflection of our own economy and we appreciate the confidence demonstrated by the headquarter decision and look forward to our continued economic progress benefitting both Harris and Brevard County."

Harris is a major contributor to the local economy and community — annually conducting \$250 million in business with 1,200 Florida suppliers and obtaining half of its new college graduate hires from state schools. In the past five years, the company and its employees have contributed \$15 million and volunteered 300,000 hours in support of community charities.

“Harris is a technology company with a highly skilled workforce of engineers, scientists and business professionals,” said Brown. “With the acquisition behind us and our organizational model aligned with the markets we serve, the Harris team is committed to continuing to bring the most innovative, mission-critical technologies to our customers.”

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### **About the Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast (EDC)**

The Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high tech companies. The EDC is a private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida’s Space Coast. Visit [www.SpaceCoastEDC.org](http://www.SpaceCoastEDC.org).

### **About Harris Corporation**

Harris provides advanced, technology-based solutions that solve government and commercial customers' mission-critical challenges. The company has approximately \$8 billion in annual revenue and about 23,000 employees — including 9,000 engineers and scientists — supporting customers in more than 125 countries. Learn more at [www.harris.com](http://www.harris.com).