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University of Toledo officials announced today that work has been carried on for several months on a proposal for a research center to be located on the TU campus. Architectural plans for such a research center are being prepared by Sanzenbacher, Miller, Brigham and Scott, Toledo architects, following visits to several similar research sites, including the new Institute for Science and Technology at the University of Michigan.

"In line with Gov. James A. Rhodes' statement that such centers should be cooperative ventures by two or more universities, we have established a close working relationship with Bowling Green State University in planning this program," said Dr. William S. Carlson, TU president. "We have been assured of complete cooperation by Dr. William T. Jerome III, president of BGSU," Dr. Carlson said.

The TU committee working on plans for a research center is headed by Dr. Archie N. Solberg, dean of research, and includes: Chester Davis, director of TU's computation center; Dr. G. Ernst Giesecke, provost; Dr. Ralph C. Kendall, dean of adult and continuing education; Willard W. Smith, vice president-treasurer; Dr. Thomas Klein, assistant professor of statistics and marketing; Dr. John J. Turin, chairman of the department of physics and astronomy; Ernest Weaver, associate dean of the College of Engineering; and Dr. Otto Zmeskal, dean of the College of Engineering.

Dean Zmeskal also is chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Research

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and Development, which already has recommended the establishment of a research center in Toledo to City Council's Industrial Development Committee.

Dean Zmeskal said the Mayor's Committee, which has been functioning for more than two years, has thoroughly studied the establishment of a research center in Toledo. "The committee's recommendation for a research center in Toledo is even more appropriate should it be given state support," Dean Zmeskal said.

"Such a facility," Dr. Solberg said, "should be located on a campus with a strong graduate program, especially in engineering and the physical sciences." He added that, "in addition to the cooperative effort with Bowling Green some other institutions in Northwestern Ohio probably also would be involved in the project in later planning."

Northwestern Ohio is a major center for automotive assembly, parts and accessories, and a good deal of styling research and market research also is being done in this area, Dr. Solberg said. A research center in Northwestern Ohio will be a strong supporting factor for retaining and expanding these industries in this area, he said.

"The establishment of a research center in Toledo would be another boost for the entire area," President Carlson said. "Such centers, and the allied activities which support them, help provide additional jobs and add to the local economy."

Bowling Green and Toledo have been working closely on plans for a research center for several months and will be prepared to submit a detailed proposal to the Board of Regents, Dr. Carlson said.