



# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

College of Engineering  
Department of Electrical Engineering

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**To:** Sharon Gaber  
Provost

**Via:** Jim Rankin  
Vice Provost for Research and Economic Development

**Via:** John R. English  
Dean, College of English

**From:** Juan Carlos Balda  
Head, Department of Electrical Engineering

**Re:** Closing down CENNESS

I am requesting that the Center of Excellence for Nano-, Micro-, and Neuro-Electronics, Sensors, and Systems be closed. The center was developed by Dr. Vijay Varadan who retired from the University of Arkansas on December 31, 2014.

There are no employees in Center that will be affected by the closing. There are also no outstanding financial obligations. All equipment in the Center will initially remain in the department of Electrical Engineering and be allocated to other faculty members.

At the present time, we are evaluating with Dean John English's staff the allocation of the space occupied by this center.