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## **Acuity Brands supports Florida A&M University In Improving Safety and Sustainability with Holophane LED Outdoor Lighting & ROAM Wireless Controls**

ATLANTA – October 26, 2010 – [Acuity Brands](http://www.acuitybrands.com) (NYSE: AYI; “Company”), a market leader in innovative energy efficient lighting and control solutions, recently began installation of a significant outdoor LED lighting project for Florida A&M University (“FAMU”). The installation includes an integrated lighting solution incorporating the Company’s [Holophane®](#) brand of luminaires and [ROAM®](#) wireless controls that will bring energy savings, sustainability and high-quality, uniform outdoor lighting to the streets of the Florida A&M University campus area. The Holophane brand has been a recognized leader in high-quality and lowest total cost of ownership lighting solutions for commercial, industrial, emergency and outdoor applications for more than 110 years. ROAM is an Acuity Brands award winning lighting control and monitoring system that minimizes total life-cycle cost, while enhancing safety and sustainability.

In July 2010 the University began undertaking an electrical service upgrade across the entire campus, which comprises 156 buildings spread over 422 acres in Tallahassee, Florida, including an upgrade to campus amenity lighting. The lighting upgrade centered on the installation of more than 750 new Holophane [GranVille®](#) luminaires and Holophane Oslo style decorative posts. Many of the newly installed GranVille luminaires utilize highly efficient light-emitting diodes (LED) as their source technology. The upgrade will include the use of the ROAM control system, wirelessly interconnecting the entire outdoor lighting system on campus.

"FAMU is committed to sustainability, which is why the lighting upgrade includes the use of LED technology as a means to reduce the University’s C02 emissions." said Jack Ries, Acuity Brands Lighting Vice President and General Manager, Holophane. "Additionally, the deployment of the integrated ROAM system will enable the university to optimize the operation of their lighting system and improve safety and security on campus by allowing the lights to be monitored and controlled from a central location," Ries said.

Precision optics with tight tolerances in the Holophane GranVille LED luminaires direct light where it is needed to maximize energy savings and help ensure design effectiveness. Additionally, the GranVille LED housing and system mount to industry standard poles. Existing Holophane GranVille glass globes are compatible with GranVille LED luminaires.

The Holophane GranVille LED fixtures are offered with classic or premier optics and a variety of trims, luminaire shapes and uplight options. Asymmetric and symmetric distributions provide added flexibility for applications such as parks, city streets, residential areas, campuses, walkways and parking lots. The Holophane GranVille LED luminaires' door assembly allows simple access to the electronic driver for ease of maintenance. The fixtures' borosilicate glass optics is permanent and never turns yellow or cloudy with age.

The ROAM wireless control and monitoring equipment is integrated into the GranVille housing, essentially hiding it from direct view. The secure ROAM Web-portal interface allows FAMU to schedule its lights' on/off times, as well as proactively address system maintenance, helping improve safety and reduce operating and maintenance costs.

### **About Acuity Brands**

Acuity Brands, Inc. is a North American market leader and one of the world's leading providers of luminaires, lighting control systems and related products and services with fiscal year 2010 net sales of over \$1.6 billion. The Company's lighting and system control product lines include Lithonia Lighting®, Holophane®, Peerless®, Mark Architectural Lighting™, Hydrel®, American Electric Lighting®, Gotham®, Carandini®, RELOC®, MetalOptics®, Antique Street Lamps™, Tersen®, Renaissance Lighting®, Winona Lighting®, Synergy® Lighting Controls, Sensor Switch®, Lighting Control & Design™, Dark To Light®, and ROAM®. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs approximately 6,000 associates and has operations throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

### **About Florida A&M University**

Founded in 1887, the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, commonly known as Florida A&M or FAMU, is a historically black university located in Tallahassee, Florida, and is one of 11-member institutions of the State University System of Florida. FAMU has eight fully-funded endowed eminent scholars chairs including two in School of Journalism and Graphic Communications, four in the School of Business & Industry, one in the College of Education, one in Arts and Sciences, and one in its School of Pharmacy. The university offers 62 bachelor's degrees in 103 majors/tracks. Thirty-six master's degrees with 56 majors/tracks are offered within 11 of the university's 13 schools and colleges. Two professional degrees and 11 PhD degree programs are offered.

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