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**ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES LICENSES
MULTI-DIMENSIONAL BAR CODE TECHNOLOGY
TO AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING**

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) March 27, 2006 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG: CBMX) announced today that VData, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary that is part of the Acacia Technologies group, a leader in technology licensing, has entered into a license with Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (“ADP”) covering a portfolio of patents that apply to certain multi-dimensional bar code systems. ADP is a market leader in providing shareholder communications for third parties in the form of proxy documents, account statements, stock trade confirmations, and related documents.

"Many companies are beginning to adopt and utilize the new multi-dimensional bar code systems in their businesses," commented Paul Ryan, Chairman and CEO of Acacia. "The multi-dimensional bar codes have significant advantages over ordinary bar codes in sizing, accuracy, readability, and information capacity," concluded Mr. Ryan

The multi-dimensional bar code technology generally relates to encoding and reading a data matrix consisting of an array of data cells with a border. The data matrix can contain a variety, amount, and depth of information that would not fit on to an ordinary bar code. This patented technology can have many applications in the manufacturing, distribution, accounting, and security industries such as tracking the movement of products, collection of data, improved production capabilities and anti-counterfeiting.

ABOUT ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Acacia Research Corporation comprises two operating groups, Acacia Technologies group and CombiMatrix group.

The Acacia Technologies group develops, acquires, and licenses patented technologies. Acacia controls 42 patent portfolios, which include over 160 U.S. patents, and certain foreign counterparts, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries including audio/video enhancement & synchronization, broadcast data retrieval, computer memory cache coherency, credit card fraud protection, database management, data encryption & product activation, digital media transmission (DMT®), digital video production, dynamic manufacturing modeling, enhanced Internet navigation, hearing aid ECS, image resolution enhancement, interactive data sharing, interactive television, laptop docking station connectivity, microprocessor enhancement, multi-dimensional bar codes, network data storage, resource scheduling, rotational video imaging, spreadsheet automation, user activated Internet advertising and web conferencing & collaboration software.

The CombiMatrix group is developing a platform technology to rapidly produce customizable arrays, which are semiconductor-based tools for use in identifying and determining the roles of genes, gene mutations and proteins. The CombiMatrix's group's technology has a wide range of potential applications in the areas of genomics, proteomics, biosensors, drug discovery, drug development, diagnostics, combinatorial chemistry, material sciences and nanotechnology.

Acacia Research-Acacia Technologies (Nasdaq: ACTG) and Acacia Research-CombiMatrix (Nasdaq: CBMX) are both classes of common stock issued by Acacia Research Corporation and are intended to reflect the performance of the respective operating groups and are not issued by the operating groups.

Information about the Acacia Technologies group and the CombiMatrix group is available at www.acaciaresearch.com.

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This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based upon our current expectations and speak only as of the date hereof. Our actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements as a result of various factors and uncertainties, including the recent economic slowdown affecting technology companies, our ability to successfully develop products, rapid technological change in our markets, changes in demand for our future products, legislative, regulatory and competitive developments and general economic conditions. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, recent and forthcoming Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, recent Current Reports on Forms 8-K and 8-K/A, and other SEC filings discuss some of the important risk factors that may affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. We undertake no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason.