State Need For Research Center Cited

Spokesmen for the Council for a Better Louisiana and the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce pointed up the need for a scientific research center in Louisiana, in a joint statement issued Friday.

The statement was issued in connection with an address scheduled at 4 p.m. Monday by Richard J. Anderson, a representative of Battelle Memorial Research Institute at Columbus, Ohio. Anderson's address will be at the City Club.

F. Hugh Coughlin, of Alexandria, president of CABL, and Douglas L. Manship, president of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, said in the joint statement that "the economic and educational value of a scientific research center can hardly be overestimated."

"A research center will provide the tools needed for scientists and engineers to provide new technological advances, and spur industrial growth in our state."

Louisiana National Bank is the host for the forum which was arranged by a number of groups interested in the research center project.

The statement said other areas have found that research centers serve as a magnet in attracting new industries in advanced sciences.

"This center for our state also would provide a way to keep Louisiana's talented scientific minds here, as well as attracting idealmen from out of state," the statement continued.

"For the continued growth of our state, it is important to develop statewide interest in the research center project in order that plans can be made in order to move ahead with confidence."

"We also urge more discussions of the research center idea among interested groups, such as the forum to be held Monday at 4 p.m. at the City Club. Only by hearing first-hand of the benefits to be derived from such a scientific center can we all realize the value of such a project," the statement said.