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A controlled-phase gate for matterwave interferometry AARON HANKIN, Univ of New Mexico, YUAN-YU JAU, GRANT BIEDERMANN, Sandia National Laboratories — We are implementing a controlled-phase gate based on singly trapped neutral atoms whose coupling is mediated by the dipole-dipole interaction of Rydberg states. An off-resonant laser field dresses ground state cesium atoms in a manner conditional on the Rydberg blockade mechanism [1,2], providing the required entangling interaction. We will present our progress [3] and its connection to single-atom matterwave interferometry [4] with entangled atoms. Sandia National Laboratories is a multi-program laboratory managed and operated by Sandia Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corporation, for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration under contract DE-AC04-94AL85000.

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