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BOARD ALLOCATES FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS

\$7.7 Million Available for State University Deferred Building Maintenance Projects

(TOPEKA) – The Kansas Board of Regents recently announced that the state’s six universities will receive \$7.7 million from the higher education portion of the Federal State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) for Fiscal Year 2009. The Board allocated 100% of the available current-year funding to 16 critical deferred maintenance projects on the state university campuses.

“These federal dollars, which were allocated to the states as part of the American Recovery Act of 2009, provide an important opportunity for campuses to address critical maintenance needs. This vital work both stimulates the local economy and improves the learning environment for students,” said Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents. “We are pleased to have the opportunity to use these one-time funds for critical projects, and we look forward to improving the infrastructure on our campuses as a result of this investment.”

The funds, which address about 1% of the \$825 million state university deferred maintenance backlog, were allocated as follows:

Emporia State University (\$466,033): Bruekelman Science Hall Fume Hood/Ventilation System Replacement.

Fort Hays State University (\$584,856): Rarick Hall Roof Repair/Replacement.

Kansas State University (\$2,307,016): Campus Utility Infrastructure & Power Plant Improvements.

Pittsburg State University (\$569,424): Yates Hall HVAC Replacement, and Kelce Hall HVAC/Electrical/Fire Code Improvements.

The University of Kansas (\$2,073,228): Campus Fire Code Improvements, Campus Roof Repair/Replacement, Campus Electrical Service Improvements, Research Laboratory Improvements, ADA Improvements, Site & Utility Infrastructure Improvements, Dyche Hall HVAC Improvements.

The University of Kansas Medical Center (\$868,024): Lied Infrastructure Improvements, Campus Elevator Repairs, and Campus Roof Repair/Replacement.

Wichita State University (\$847,192): Engineering Building HVAC Replacement.

The Board will distribute additional Fiscal Year 2009 SFSF funds to Washburn University, the 19 community colleges, and the six technical colleges during its June meeting.

In a recent study, the Docking Institute of Public Affairs noted that every \$1 million spent on university deferred maintenance projects generates an economic impact of \$2.2 million in increased economic output of goods and services (gross state product), \$644,500 in increased state earnings, and 19 new jobs created in Kansas.

In 2007, the Legislature approved and the Governor signed into law, a five-year maintenance funding plan which was to provide \$90 million in direct state funds and approximately \$44 million in retained interest earnings to the six state universities. In addition, the legislation provided state-funded tax credits intended to generate up to \$158 million in private contributions to the state universities, Washburn University, and the community and technical colleges. An additional \$100 million in interest-free bonding authority was made available to Washburn University and the community and technical colleges.

For the state universities, the 5-year plan, if fully-funded would have addressed approximately 31% of the \$825 million maintenance backlog that exists among the 442 state-owned “mission critical” academic buildings. However, the 2009 Legislature reduced the state appropriation by \$1.3 million, and additional reductions will occur due to reduced interest earnings.

Since the passage of the 5-year plan, the Legislature’s Joint Committee on State Building Construction has approved 91 state university maintenance projects. To date, 37 projects have been initiated, of which 10 have been completed, while 27 are currently underway.

In January the Board issued an updated report indicating that the maintenance backlog on the state university campuses had grown to \$825 million. The backlog on each campus is as follows:

Kansas State University	\$290.6 million
The University of Kansas	\$226 million
The University of Kansas Medical Center	\$90.5 million
Pittsburg State University	\$67 million
Fort Hays State University	\$51 million
Emporia State University	\$50.6 million
Wichita State University	\$49.3 million
TOTAL:	\$825 million

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About the Kansas Board of Regents:

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state’s six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state’s 32 public higher education institutions (seven public universities, 19 community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state’s student financial aid, adult education, GED, and career and technical education programs. The Board also authorizes private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas, and administers the Kan-ed network, a statewide network that provides broadband Internet access and distance learning capabilities for schools, hospitals, and libraries.

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