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BOARD OF REGENTS RECEIVES FEDERAL ADULT EDUCATION GRANT

\$500,000 Grant Will Help Adult Learners Transition to Postsecondary Education

(TOPEKA) – Today the Kansas Board of Regents announced that it has received a \$500,000 grant from the United States Department of Education’s Office of Vocational and Adult Education to fund the “Ready For College: Adult Education Transitions Program” – an adult education program that focuses on helping adult learners transition to postsecondary education programs.

“This federal grant will enhance opportunities for our state’s adult learners to pursue higher education and ultimately achieve their education goals,” said Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents. “We are especially pleased that the U.S. Department of Education recognizes that the Kansas Board of Regents and its Adult Education division are ready to take the lead in this national effort to bridge adult learners into postsecondary education.”

During the two-year grant period, the Board’s Adult Education division will initiate Project Next Step. This project will enhance the state’s adult secondary education programs by including higher level language arts and mathematics courses and by identifying support services to help adult learners transition into postsecondary education programs.

Project Next Step will be implemented at seven community colleges across Kansas: Butler County Community College (El Dorado), Garden City Community College (Garden City), Hutchinson Community College (Hutchinson), Johnson County Community College (Overland Park), Kansas City Kansas Community College (Kansas City), Neosho County Community College (Chanute), and Seward County Community College (Liberal).

This \$500,000 grant is the first competitive Federal grant that the Board’s Adult Education division has ever applied for. A total of 46 applications were received by the United States Department of Education and the Board was one of only four applicants awarded funding.

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