

**Council on Postsecondary Education
November 7, 2008**

**Kentucky State University Capital Project
Center for Families and Children**

The following interim project recommendation will authorize Kentucky State University to use federal funds to construct a facility to house a program for families and children. The project was first authorized by the 2006 General Assembly, but the authorization expired June 30, 2008, before the university could implement the project.

ACTION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the request of Kentucky State University to use federal funds to construct a Center for Families and Children on the university's main campus. The estimated project cost is \$2,022,000.

Kentucky State University proposes to use federal money (\$2,022,000) to construct a Center for Families and Children. The project requires interim authorization because the project could not be initiated in time to be covered under the 2006 Appropriation Act (HB 308, line 4, item #004, page 178 of 666). The federal funds are available and a new authorization will now allow the work to be completed. The project will result in an improvement to state-owned property with ownership of the improvements accruing to the university upon completion of the project. The Kentucky State University board of regents approved the project as a part of its 2006-08 capital projects recommendation. No further action is required of the board.

The Council has the statutory responsibility to review and approve postsecondary education capital projects costing \$600,000 or more, regardless of fund source, that have been approved by an institution's governing board. During the interim, capital projects are evaluated under the requirements established by KRS 45.760(14) and KRS 45.763. Since the estimated cost of this project exceeds the \$600,000 threshold, the Council and the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee must approve the project before it is initiated. During the interim, capital projects are evaluated under the requirements established by KRS 45.760(14) and KRS 45.763.

This project will construct 8,524 square feet of classroom, laboratory, office, meeting, and food preparation space to accommodate 25 faculty and staff. The project is scheduled to be completed by May 2010.

The project meets the requirement of KRS 45.760(14) that the source of funds is at least 50 percent federal or private. Kentucky State University staff and the Finance and Administration

Cabinet's Division of Engineering will implement the project. KSU may request operations and maintenance funds in the upcoming biennial budget recommendation process.

Following Council approval, the staff will forward the Council's recommendation to the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet and to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.