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BOARD OF REGENTS AWARDS PERFORMANCE FUNDING

Share of New FY 2007 Funding Determined for State's Higher Education Institutions

(TOPEKA) – Bringing heightened accountability to the state's higher education system, for the second year in a row, the Kansas Board of Regents has used institutional performance as the basis for allocating new state funding to the state's 36 postsecondary institutions. After assessing institutional performance as measured pursuant to institutional performance agreements, the Board, at its June meeting, determined that thirty-four institutions will receive 100% funding, one institution will receive two-thirds funding, and two institutions will receive none of the new funding for which they would otherwise have been eligible to receive in fiscal year 2007 (*see attached chart for specific institution information*).

“Through this initiative, our state's higher education institutions commit to make meaningful and measurable progress toward the achievement of statewide goals that the Board of Regents has adopted,” said Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO of the Board of Regents. “Because any new funding is contingent upon meeting a set of performance standards, our state's higher education institutions are now held to a new and important level of funding accountability.”

“The global 21st century economy continues to make postsecondary education more important than ever for our state and its citizens,” Robinson added. “This initiative will enhance our ability not only to grow the state's economy, but also to provide Kansans with the educational tools they need to improve the quality of their lives.”

A performance agreement is a contract between the Board and each public university, community college, technical college, and technical school. These agreements are designed to hold institutions accountable for performance related to a number of measurable goals and objectives. The amount of new state funding an institution receives hinges on the degree of its compliance with its performance agreement.

While having the agreements in place constitutes a major step towards enhanced accountability, tying the receipt of new state dollars to the achievement of measurable goals and objectives contained in those agreements provides the key leverage that will produce the positive results the Board is committed to achieving as a result of this initiative.

The Regents' performance agreement process is designed to accomplish two outcomes. First, performance agreements will establish a system of accountability for public postsecondary education in Kansas. Second, performance agreements, through the successful accomplishment

of both institutional and system goals, will produce system-wide improvement of higher education in Kansas. In addition, the Board has adopted six system-wide performance agreement goals: 1) Increase System Efficiency/Effectiveness/Seamlessness; 2) Improve Learner Outcomes; 3) Improve Workforce Development; 4) Increase Targeted Participation/Access; 5) Increase External Resources; and 6) Improve Community/Civic Engagement.

Background:

A key component of the Higher Education Coordination Act of 1999 was a focus on system accountability – that institutions should be held accountable for their performance. A comprehensive study that the Board commissioned in 2001 also stressed the need for accountability measures. The Board soon realized that the original 1999 Act needed to be amended if it was truly going to achieve its goals.

In 2002, the Board worked closely with the State Legislature to implement legislation that authorized the Board to review and approve institutional improvement plans based on core indicators of quality performance and developed in cooperation with each institution. This legislation also gave the Board the authority to enter into performance agreements with each institution, and it clarified that compliance with the Board’s coordination policies would be a prerequisite to the receipt of new state funds.

Each institution proposes its own performance contract, complete with proposed goals, performance measures, and performance targets. The Board requires that the goals included in the proposed agreements be “stretch” goals that truly challenge the institutions to step up from business as usual. The Board thoroughly evaluates the proposals and may require changes before granting final approval. The Board may also disapprove the performance agreement. In addition, each institution must annually report to the Board on agreement compliance.

Additional information on the performance agreements initiative, as well as the detailed performance agreements for each of the thirty-six public higher education institutions, can be found on the Board’s website at: <http://kansasregents.org/academic/perfguidelines.html>.

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six public universities and a supervising and coordinating board for nineteen community colleges, ten technical institutions, and a municipal university.

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| <u>Funding Level</u> | <u>Institution</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Dollars Lost</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| 100% Funding: | Allen County Community College | Iola | - |
| | Barton County Community College | Great Bend | - |
| | Butler Community College | El Dorado | - |
| | Cloud County Community College | Concordia | - |
| | Coffeyville Community College | Coffeyville | - |
| | Colby Community College | Colby | - |
| | Cowley Community College | Arkansas City | - |
| | Dodge City Community College | Dodge City | - |
| | Emporia State University | Emporia | - |
| | Flint Hills Technical College | Emporia | - |
| | Fort Hays State University | Hays | - |
| | Fort Scott Community College | Fort Scott | - |
| | Garden City Community College | Garden City | - |
| | Hutchinson Community College | Hutchinson | - |
| | Johnson County Community College | Overland Park | - |
| | Kansas City Area Technical School | Kansas City | - |
| | Kansas City Kansas Community College | Kansas City | - |
| | Kansas State University | Manhattan | - |
| | Kaw Area Technical School | Topeka | - |
| | Labette Community College | Parsons | - |
| | Manhattan Area Technical College | Manhattan | - |
| | Neosho Community College | Chanute | - |
| | North Central Kansas Technical College | Beloit | - |
| | Northeast Kansas Technical College | Atchison | - |
| | Northwest Kansas Technical College | Goodland | - |
| | Pittsburg State University | Pittsburg | - |
| | Pratt Community College | Pratt | - |
| | Seward County Community College | Liberal | - |
| | Southwest Kansas Technical School | Liberal | - |
| | University of Kansas | Lawrence | - |
| | University of Kansas Medical Center | Kansas City | - |
| | Washburn University | Topeka | - |
| Wichita Area Technical College | Wichita | - | |
| Wichita State University | Wichita | - | |
| 2/3 Funding: | Highland Community College | Highland | -\$80,374 |
| No Funding: | Independence Community College | Independence | -\$17,306 |
| | Salina Area Technical School | Salina | -\$383,319 |