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22 Institutions Receive Funding To Enhance Technical Education Programs

(TOPEKA) – The Kansas Board of Regents recently adopted the recommendations of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Authority and awarded \$4 million to 22 community colleges, technical colleges, and technical schools as part of the newly-created Technical Education Technology and Equipment Grants program.

“This program will provide these institutions with a tremendous opportunity to obtain the latest technology and equipment available in order to expand program capacity and ultimately increase the number of students they can serve,” said Regent Christine Downey-Schmidt, Chair of the Board of Regents. “This funding will have a direct and positive impact our state’s workforce needs, and the Board applauds the Legislature for its recognition of the key role our higher education institutions play in meeting the state’s ever-changing workforce demands.”

“The forward-thinking investment of capital funds by the Kansas Legislature ensures the initial step for the renaissance of technical education,” said Joseph Glassman, Chairman of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority. “Their belief as is the Regents/Kansas Technical Authority in development of new high tech education programs becomes opportunity for all Kansans from individual to industry.”

The program, which was created by the Kansas Legislature in 2007, contained \$4 million in funds which were to be used for the purchase of new technology and equipment to enhance technical education programs. Any of the 19 community colleges or 10 technical colleges and schools delivering approved technical education programs were eligible to apply for funding. As part of the program, institutions must also provide a \$1 cash match for every \$2 of state funds received.

The Authority initially reviewed the 24 institutional proposals that were submitted and recommended that 22 institutions be awarded funding, and the Board adopted the Authority’s recommendations. Priority consideration was given to proposals that focused on: 1) High skill, high wage, or high demand occupations; 2) Targeted industry sectors – Aviation and Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, Conventional and Renewable Energy, Bioscience, and Communications; 3) Collaborations with business and industry and other postsecondary educational institutions; and 4) Expanding program capacity to meet a current or emerging

workforce need. The following table outlines the institutions, award amounts, and program areas to be funded:

Institution	Award Amount	Program Area(s) Funded
Barton County Community College	\$206,714	Natural Gas Emergency Services
Butler Community College	\$519,283	Nursing Information Technology
Cloud County Community College	\$300,000	Wind Energy
Coffeyville Community College	\$250,000	Welding
Colby Community College	\$13,235	Nursing
Cowley County Community College	\$420,000	Non-Destructive Testing Mechatronics
Flint Hills Technical College	\$84,767	Machine Tool
Fort Scott Community College	\$37,127	Nursing
Garden City Community College	\$60,000	Food Science/Quality Assurance
Hutchinson Community College	\$315,202	Radiology Nursing Paramedic Physical Therapy Electrical Engineering/Manufacturing Engineering Welding
Johnson County Community College	\$119,010	Dental Hygiene Practical Nursing Polysomnography Technology
Kansas City Kansas Area Technical School	\$184,417	Machine Technology Welding
Kaw Area Technical School	\$219,811	Industrial Technology
Labette Community College	\$41,463	Nursing Respiratory Therapy
Neosho County Community College	\$88,130	Nursing Medical Assisting Medical Coding/Transcription Computer Support Computer-Aided Drafting
North Central Kansas Technical College	\$132,635	Nursing
Northeast Kansas Technical College	\$58,098	Electrical Technology
Northwest Kansas Technical College	\$65,416	Communications Technology Telecommunications Networking Medical Assisting Welding
Pratt Community College	\$95,931	Nursing Biofuels

Salina Area Technical School	\$80,534	Medical Assisting Computer-Aided Drafting Welding
Seward County Community College	\$78,990	Nursing Respiratory Therapy Medical Laboratory Technician Surgical Technologist
Wichita Area Technical College	\$629,237	Aerostructures Machining Technology Practical Nursing Welding Mechanical Engineering Technology Composites Fabrication Computer-Aided Drafting Medical Assisting Medical Laboratory Technician Dental Assisting Surgical Technologist

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

The 12-member Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority was created by the Kansas Legislature in 2007, and is charged with coordinating statewide planning for postsecondary technical education.

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