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WESTERN REGENTS ACCEPT FULKERSON CENTER BID

St. Joseph, Mo. — Feb. 26, 2004— At their February board meeting today, the Missouri Western State College Board of Regents accepted a bid of \$1,687,246 from E.L. Crawford Construction to build the Fulkerson Center adjacent to the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building. The 12,000 square-foot building was designed by Ellison-Auxier Architects and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Named in honor of Marie Fulkerson and her late husband, Lyman Fulkerson, the center will include a large room that will seat up to 500 individuals or may be divided into smaller conference rooms. A special room will honor Western alumni. A groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled soon.

The east wing of the Leah Spratt building will include breakout rooms, a training and assessment center, alumni services offices and institutional advancement offices. Some renovations will be required.

“Mrs. Fulkerson is a generous supporter of the college, and we are grateful for her gift. This center will greatly enhance the opportunities for workforce development and training in the region and will provide space to showcase the successes of college alumni,” according to Dr. James Roever, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

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In addition to a generous gift from Mrs. Fulkerson, 43 other donors contributed to the project, which was part of the “Our Promise” capital campaign. Special recognition will be attached to five rooms: the Logan Family Educational Resource and Assessment Lab, supported by the directors of the John Sublett Logan Foundation; the Kemper Room from the William T. Kemper Foundation; the Mead Products Room; and a room in memory of Richard Austin Rochambeau, Sr. with a gift from the Leah Spratt Trust. A gift from Dr. Joe Friedman established the Alumni Room in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph (Joe) and Gladys Friedman and in honor of Joseph J. Droher.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.