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FULKERSON CENTER GROUNDBREAKING MARCH 23

St. Joseph, Mo. — March 19, 2004 —Groundbreaking for Missouri Western State College's Fulkerson Center will be March 23. The ceremony will begin in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Enright Room, at 4 p.m., and the community is invited to attend.

In February, the Western Board of Regents accepted a bid of \$1,687,246 from E.L. Crawford Construction to build the 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.

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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.