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WESTERN INSTITUTE RECEIVES GRANT

St. Joseph, Mo. —Dec. 11, 2006—The Western Institute at Missouri Western State University has received a \$10,000 grant to prepare a plan for a business incubator that would assist entrepreneurs to develop new businesses. The plan will be developed for the Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission in Clinton, Mo. Western is the lead on the project and is collaborating with the University of Central Missouri's Small Business and Technology Development Center.

Dr. Christopher Shove, dean and executive director of the Western Institute, said the Institute was selected due to its staff expertise in successfully planning and acquiring funding for technology incubators and related programs. Recently, the Institute received a \$2.5 million federal grant to build a science and technology incubator on Western's campus. He noted that Western students will prepare significant parts of the incubator plan.

The Commission represents seven rural counties – Bates, Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, St. Clair and Vernon.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university 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.