



Stockton recommended for \$54M. in state funds

Legislature Must OK Funding for Construction and Technology Upgrades

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Galloway, NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey was recommended for nearly \$54 million by state Secretary of Higher Education Rochelle Hendricks for capital construction projects including \$21.5 million for an addition to the college's new Unified Science Center and \$13.5 million to construct a 60,000-square-foot new classroom building.

These state funds will provide 75 percent of the costs for the two buildings and the College will provide the additional 25 percent of total costs. This is the first major step in a process that now requires approval by the New Jersey Legislature.

For the first time in decades, the state is providing \$1.3 billion state funding for college facilities that comes from two sources:

- \$750 million from state construction bonds that were approved by voters in November 2012;
- More than \$500 million being made available through the Higher Education Capital Improvement Fund, the Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund, the Higher Education Technology Infrastructure Fund and the Higher Education Equipment Leasing Fund.

“These funds will allow us to continue improving the high quality of education we offer our students, who need a world-class education to be able to seize a lifetime of

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opportunities,” said Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp.

“The state’s funding of our projects will allow Stockton to provide jobs in our region and much-needed academic facilities for our students,” President Saatkamp said.

The \$28,620,000 addition to the new science building would include labs for teaching and research, a greenhouse, computer labs, faculty offices and a vivarium, which is an area for keeping and raising animals or plants for observation.

The \$18,030,600 additional classroom building would house 24 classrooms, 20 offices and teaching space for the Schools of Business, Education, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts and Humanities, General Studies, Health Sciences and Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Additional Stockton projects that were recommended for funding are:

- \$6.4 million for an energy management project which will modernize equipment and infrastructure, including upgrades to the college’s heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems;
- \$6.4 million for equipment and analytical instruments for teaching and research in the Biology and Chemistry areas of the new Unified science Building;
- \$4.2 million to renovate the Arts and Sciences building, including exterior repairs and improvements in energy efficiency;
- \$1.195 million to upgrade education technology, including upgrading equipment used by faculty in lectures in electronic classrooms and computer labs; development of virtualized computer labs to support student-owned mobile devices such as tablets; and desktop computers.
- \$775,000 for an educational technology infrastructure project to improve high-speed voice, video and data fiber structure, high-capacity internet access, and upgrades to the core high-speed 10G network and wireless infrastructures on campus.

This is the first state funding for college construction in decades, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie noted in releasing a statement Monday.

"Today, we begin a new era of opportunity for New Jersey’s colleges and universities," Gov. Christie said. "To keep more of our best students in the state and to make our colleges more attractive research partners for industries looking to bring good paying jobs and businesses here, we need modern facilities to remain competitive."

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Secretary of Higher Education Hendricks said in a statement, “Our team looked for innovative projects that were in line with the missions of the colleges and New Jersey’s needs. I’m proud that higher education institutions in every region of our state will benefit.”

The state Legislature still has to approve the 176 projects statewide that were awarded funding, out of 250 original applications.

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