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Oregon Center for Health Professions
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THE REQUEST: Capital Construction “G Bond” \$9 million

We respectfully request your support to fund the \$9 million construction bond for the second wing of Oregon Institute of Technology’s Oregon Center for Health Professions. This is a critically important project to insure that the citizens of Oregon have access to quality health care in the years to come.

Oregon is facing a tremendous shortage of health care workers. OIT is playing an important role in addressing this pending crisis for both the rural and urban areas of this state. (The 2005 Legislature recognized OIT’s leadership in providing bachelor’s degree programs for allied health professions by designating OIT as the “Oregon” Center for Health Professions.)

Here is why it is crucial that the OIT Article XI G Bond be approved and issued:

In its first ever capital campaign, OIT has raised \$12 million from private sources, more than required, to be eligible for the state-matched G-bond request of \$9 million.

- The first wing of the building will be completed this summer. If construction of the second wing can continue without interruption, approximately \$2 million in costs will be avoided.
- Without a commitment from the state, future fund-raising for the university will be difficult.
- We sincerely appreciate that the proposed legislative budget includes funding for expansion of OIT health professional programs. However, without the G bond and construction of the second wing, there is no room to offer these programs.
- The state is forecasting a need for 59,000 health care workers by 2014. More than 4,400 are needed from the programs that OIT offers.
- The authorization of the construction bond and completion of the building would add an additional 750 OIT students per year into the health professions. OHSU’s nursing program would also be expanded and located in the second wing.
- OIT delivers. Even as state funding declined, OIT expanded enrollment to more than 1,100 students (an increase of over 500 students since 2000) until enrollment had to be capped.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE OIT Article XI G BOND REQUEST in Senate Bill 5516. Help OIT fulfill its role as the **Oregon** Center for Health Professions and secure the future of quality health care for Oregonians.

G-Bond Fact Sheet

G-Bond Status

- Matching funds – more than \$12 million already raised
- Project builds state-of-the-art Oregon Center for Health Professions
- Broad base of donor support from foundations, business, health care industry and individuals
- Phase I to be completed in August
- Phase II (total project) completed (with G Bond) by August 2008
- \$2 million in savings will be realized if construction continues with G Bond funding now
- Increase in allied health enrollment of 750 with completion of Center
- G-Bond funding will be used for construction of the second wing that will include OHSU’s expanded nursing program and new programs needed by the industry
- Policy packages currently in the Governor’s and Ways & Means’ budgets need the building completed for delivery

OIT Facts

- First OIT building in more than 20 year
- First-ever capital campaign for the university

OIT Health Professional Programs Facts

- 2005 Legislature designated OIT as the “Oregon” Center for Health Professions, recognizing OIT’s leadership in providing bachelor’s degree programs for allied health professions
- Over 1,100 students currently enrolled, with completion of building (with G Bond) enrollment up to 1,850 over the next five years
- 97% placement of graduates in health care programs
- Courses offered: Radiologic Science, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Vascular Technology, Echocardiography, Dental Hygiene, Health Sciences (pre-med), Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Emergency Medical Technician training, Respiratory Care, Pre-Nursing, and Distance Education for degree completion working adults in Radiologic Science, Dental Hygiene, Echocardiography, Vascular Technology and Respiratory Care
- Only programs for ultrasound, nuclear medicine, vascular and echocardiography in the state
- Only institution in Oregon offering bachelor’s degrees in clinical laboratory science, respiratory care, dental hygiene and radiographic science
- New programs in the approval cycle: Health Informatics, Polysomnography, Orthotics, Prosthetics
- Statewide mission (OIT health profession graduates are in every county of the state)
- Relationships with hospitals throughout the state, including rural hospitals, that provide clinical training
- Committed to offering new programs needed by the industry
- Partnerships with community colleges and other higher ed institutions: articulation agreements with community colleges, Respiratory Care program with Rogue Community College, Dental Hygiene with EOU and ODS in La Grande, joint degrees with OHSU for clinical laboratory sciences and EMT

Statewide Need

- 59,000 new health care providers needed in by 2014 in Oregon
- 4,400 graduates needed from OIT allied health programs
- Increasing older population by year 2025 in Oregon will require additional health care professionals