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Make UMM a capitol priority!

Summary: The primary objective of the Gateway Center Project is to enhance access to one of the richest resources in the state — the University of Minnesota — by creating a portal to this distinctive coordinate campus for visitors, alumni, prospective students and their families, along with benefactors and friends.

(January 3, 2008)-The University of Minnesota, Morris Gateway Center Project is part of the University's 2008 capital bonding request. The primary objective of the Gateway Center Project is to enhance access to one of the richest resources in the state — the University of Minnesota — by creating a portal to this distinctive coordinate campus for visitors, alumni, prospective students and their families, along with benefactors and friends.

On January 14, Gov. Tim Pawlenty released his recommendations for bonding in the 2008 legislative session. The governor's \$258 million recommendation for higher education includes \$129 million for the University of Minnesota:

- o \$40 million for higher education asset preservation and replacement (HEAPR) to maintain university facilities throughout the state.
- o \$48 million for a new science classroom and student services center on the Minneapolis campus at the Washington Avenue bridgehead.
- o \$26 million to renovate historic Folwell Hall.
- o \$10 million for a Civil Engineering Addition on the Duluth campus.
- o \$5 million to renovate the Community Services Building on the Morris campus.

UMM's Gateway Center Project entails the renovation of the historic Community Services building (formally the West Central School of Agriculture engineering building) to transform the structure into a highly functional [LEED](#) certified building. The Community Services building is one of 18 that comprise the last intact agricultural boarding high school in the country, listed on the National Historic Register.

The \$7.5M project, with \$5M in state funds and \$2.5M in University funds, will maximize the University's impact, providing a point of entry and invitation to the Morris campus, and a portal to the University's extensive resources.

There are countless ways to advocate for the UMM Gateway Center Project. What can you do?

Receive updates on UMM legislative issues, periodic calls to action and invitations to the Legislative Briefings and other events by joining the UMM [Legislative Network](#).

Contact your legislator and help make UMM a capitol priority! Visit [Gateway Project](#) for assistance. UMM needs your help to make the Gateway Center Project a reality. Your voice as an alumnus, student, faculty, staff, benefactor or friend is a powerful one! Sharing your personal story will help the leadership and citizens of Minnesota realize how the University touches everyone.

To learn more about the Gateway Center Project, visit [Gateway Project](#).

Photo: Community Services building

Through personal and academic discovery, the University of Minnesota, Morris provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, engage in community, experience environmental stewardship and celebrate diversity. A renewable and sustainable educational experience, Morris prepares graduates for careers, for advanced degrees, for lifelong learning, for work world flexibility in the future, and for global citizenship. Learn more about Morris at morris.umn.edu or call 888-866-3382.