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Capital Construction Funding Aids Harmony Project

OREGON CITY – The community college capital construction funding approved by the state Legislature will benefit the redevelopment of Clackamas Community College’s Harmony campus. The Harmony campus work is one of eight community college construction projects around the state earmarked for \$40 million in state funds.

“We are ecstatic,” said CCC President Joanne Truesdell. “We’re appreciative of the leadership in both the House and the Senate.” She noted that this is the second time in 27 years that CCC has received state support for construction.

CCC will receive \$5.1 million in matching funds from the capital construction legislation. The funds will go toward the \$20 million project that will enhance student services at the Harmony campus and provide a home for the college’s robust Health Sciences Division. For the past three years, CCC has worked closely with the Clackamas Health Care Blue Ribbon Committee, an industry-led coalition of health care professionals. The group has identified the need for integrated education and training as the top priority to advance the economic development of health care in the county.

“This campus provides an anchor in the health care cluster in Clackamas County,” said Truesdell. Groundbreaking for the new facility took place in early June. It is scheduled to open for classes in the fall of 2008.

The Harmony campus will offer a full range of student services including advising, registration and bookstore. It will also provide the space and facilities for increasing capacity in existing health science programs and the addition of new programs. It will be a primary source for health care organizations to access degree programs, professional upgrades, customized training, research and life-long learning. A strong distance learning component will serve students in the state’s rural corners.

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