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## **Century College to Receive \$9.9 Million for Renovation Projects**

The era of major construction projects at Century College will continue this year, thanks to the Minnesota State Legislature and Gov. Tim Pawlenty.

On April 7, Gov. Pawlenty signed into law a capital bonding bill that will provide Century with a total of \$9.9 million in renovation projects. Century plans to use \$7.9 million to renovate the spaces left behind (Phase II) when the science and library departments move to the new Science/Library Building this summer. The remainder of the money will be used to construct a radiologic technology laboratory, renovate the West Campus main entrance, replace an East Campus walkway ramp and accomplish various other maintenance projects.

“We are so pleased that our state leaders have decided to fund the Century projects,” said Century President Larry Litecky. “Our students will certainly benefit from having renovated classrooms and the first Student Center we have ever had.”

Century’s construction era began two years ago with the funding of the Kopp Technology Center, a state-of-the-art renovation that is home to several programs focused on information and telecommunication

technology. Then last year, the Legislature authorized Century to receive nearly \$20 million in capital bonding funds for the new three-level Science/Library Building, set to open this fall with a grand opening slated for Sept. 18.

This year's action by the Legislature will allow Century to renovate 47,000 square feet of space vacated by the occupancy of the new Science/Library Building. The renovation will provide additional technology-enabled classrooms, enhance student support services on West Campus and create the first Century student center where students can meet, study and socialize. The college also will construct a new radiologic technology lab on East Campus and expand the space for its writing lab and reading/study skills lab on West Campus.

Century is the largest community and technical college in the East Metro area and serves more than 12,000 credit students per year, as well as another 12,000 in non-credit, continuing education.