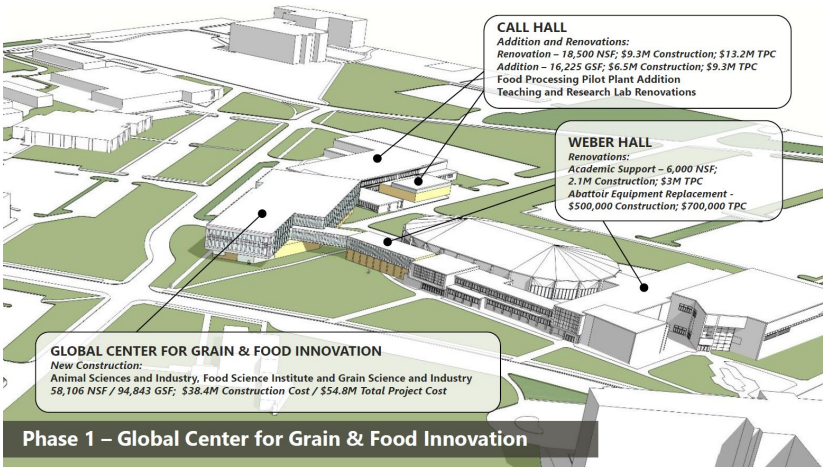
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Agriculture Research, Teaching, and Extension Facilities

Problem/Issue Statement

Kansas, the United States, and the world rely on Kansas State University to provide the workforce and future leaders for all agricultural industries, from food crops to milling to livestock sciences to risk management. K-State is the premier university for research and career preparation of those who will feed the world. To ensure we fulfil this responsibility, it is imperative for the College of Agriculture to have modern facilities that lift our research and teaching capabilities to continue to fuel the innovation that feeds the world.



A recent national study conducted by the Board on Agricultural Assembly of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities documented a deferred maintenance backlog of $11.5 billion nationally at the nation's schools of agriculture. K-State recently conducted a master planning exercise that proposed to invest over $250 million to upgrade College of Agriculture and Research and Extension facilities at the Manhattan campus.

Request Description

Eight mid-campus buildings house the College of Agriculture and range in age from 40 to more than 100 years old. K-State's Dairy Teaching and Research Center was opened in 1977, and no longer prepares students for the technology, animal care, and biosecurity needed for careers in the modern dairy industry. Failing infrastructure and out-of-date facilities jeopardize K-State's ability to meet the current and future global food and agricultural challenges.

To capitalize upon our existing strengths in food and agricultural research, and to address critical infrastructure needs, we propose the comprehensive and strategic renovation and construction of agricultural research facilities at K-State.

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Request Goals and Expected Outcomes

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K-State is the only place that provides cutting-edge agricultural resources, support and opportunities to Kansans. We must discover, develop, and deploy new solutions by maintaining and improving a robust research and education enterprise. To ensure we meet the needs of the Kansas agriculture industry and prepare for increasing demands for innovation, K-State's scientific workspaces — its working laboratories, animal research facilities, classrooms, greenhouses, and mission-critical buildings — must be modernized to 21st-century standards.

Appropriations Subcommittee

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Request Type

Funding Request ☒ Bill Language Request ☐