

Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt Sets Sights to Lead 21st Century Higher Education and Jobs Creation Plan

Lewis & Clark Discovery Initiative
Proposes Historic Public-Private Partnership to Fund Major Capital Improvements
at State Institutions of Higher Learning

Who:

State Senator Chris Koster (R-31) State Representative David Pearce (R-121) Central Missouri State University Provost George Wilson

What:

Announcement of Governor Matt Blunt's creation of a public-private partnership involving the Missouri Higher Education Loan Association (MOHELA) to realize significant funding for major statewide campus capital improvements for the state's higher education institutions. The approximately \$400-million initiative also includes endowments for student scholarships, professorships, and the creation of the Missouri Discovery Alliance to enhance growth and development of technology businesses near college campuses.

When:

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006 3:00 p.m.

Where:

North Morrow Gymnasium at Central Missouri State University—Warrensburg

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