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Senator Rob Mayer Works to Preserve Delta Research Center Funding

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, today pledged to continue working for continued funding for the University of Missouri-Columbia's Delta Research Center in Portageville.

The Delta Research Center's transgenic greenhouse project is one of several academic and research center projects under review for possible funding cuts by Governor Nixon's administration, which cites less than projected funding for capital improvement projects through the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative Fund. The \$2 million greenhouse project was approved in 2007 to enhance the Delta Research Center's ability to grow and study biotech plants and is expected to return \$19 million to the state's economy.

"The Delta Research Center's greenhouse project is critical in helping Missouri farmers and agricultural operators stay in the lead in the field of ag tech and we should move forward with providing the funding it requires."

The Delta Research Center project is among 10 projects under review by the Office of Administration and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Three similar projects have already been suspended indefinitely. A decision about whether or not to fund the Delta Research Center project is expected soon.

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*Senator Rob Mayer represents the people of Wayne, Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, New Madrid, Pemiscot
and Dunklin counties in the Missouri Senate.*