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Major U of I Flood Recovery Projects Move Forward with Additional Funding

DES MOINES – Today, Governor Terry E. Branstad received notification that FEMA has awarded an additional \$106.7 million for two major University of Iowa 2008 flood recovery projects. The total of federal funding that has been slated to aid in the recovery of University of Iowa facilities is now nearly \$421 million.

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) has been working with the University of Iowa (U of I) to obtain additional federal funding for the relocation of Hancher/Voxman/Clapp and Art Building East, which were heavily damaged by flooding in 2008. Hancher/Voxman/Clapp received an additional \$74,218,831, bringing the total obligation of federal funds for this project to \$198,375,334. The Art Building East received an additional \$32,547,414 bringing the total federal obligation for this project to \$68,644,460.

“I’m proud of the work the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division has done with the University of Iowa to obtain these funds,” said Governor Branstad. “The relocation of these buildings will benefit not only the University of Iowa community, but also the state of Iowa.”

HSEMD has worked closely with the U of I over the past three years to obtain \$420,920,843 in federal funding to aid in the recovery of university facilities impacted by the 2008 floods. HSEMD administers FEMA disaster funding and works closely with communities and other public and private entities during disaster recovery. HSEMD staff is responsible for administration of these funds from project application to completion, while also providing technical assistance to applicants to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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