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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FY08 brought more growth to the University. The campus grew to 6,033,489 square feet (sq. ft.), an increase of 461,375 sq. ft. from FY07. This increase was mainly due to the addition of University Place, a new resident apartment-style building which was completed in August; the parking ramp, which opened in October; EERC (Energy and Environmental Research Center) National Center for Hydrogen Technology, which was completed in January; and the Northern Plains Behavioral Research Center, which was completed in June.

The Northern Plains Behavioral Research Center, built with National Institute of Health funding, will be one of the first in the nation to provide an environment for interdisciplinary study in nursing and psychology. The behavioral research will be conducted on human subjects from vulnerable populations in the state and region.

The University Research Foundation began construction in August on the Center of Excellence for Life Science and Technology (COELSAT) on the western edge of campus. The building and research park will be managed by the Foundation. Facilities is preparing to contract with them for maintenance, custodial services, and providing steam.

The Alumni Foundation had several gifting projects which were started or are being planned. The State Board of Higher Education approved the addition to Harrington Hall by accepting the \$1.3 million donation from alumnus, Larry Jodsaas. This addition will be completed in FY09 and will be run as an entrepreneur center for engineering students.

A new residence for the University's president was approved by the State Board of Higher Education. The residence will be located in the general area of the former home, which was demolished after salvaging many features. In addition, the Foundation is planning to construct a new Alumni Center located north of the new President's residence.

The Bronson property continued to develop with the opening of Bank Forward.

Additionally, the department oversaw the design and construction of 449 non-capital projects. A total of 483 project requests were received in FY08. Of these, 201 projects required full design and estimating services, as well as construction services. By the close of the fiscal year, 449 projects were approved and completed. These projects totaled \$3.8 million.

The department worked on the mechanical projects for the Fargo Medical building, the Housing Office, the Apartment Community Center, West Hall, McVey Hall, Brannon Hall, and the Biomedical Research Center.

Electrical reliability has become more critical as research increases on campus. Emergency generator needs for Starcher Hall are being reviewed and estimated. The Student Wellness Center generator was installed and will provide energy savings for the facility during times of peak demand.

The campus became tobacco-free on October 5, 2007. Facilities ordered signs to be displayed on every building. Some of the smoker's outposts were redistributed to other state institutions.

The department was instrumental in the signing of the Presidential Climate Commitment by providing the necessary data to make this decision. The purpose of this program is to reduce the carbon footprint of the campus or to reach climate neutrality. Several steps are being taken to begin this process. The first step was to create a committee or council from many disciplines across the campus. The charge of this group is to help lead the climate initiative and look after the corporate environmental stewardship. The department has two people actively involved on the Council on Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability. However, the entire department will play a significant role in accomplishing this commitment.