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Regents Rename Public University Center in Sioux Falls

SPEARFISH, S.D. – USDSU, the public higher education center in Sioux Falls, is becoming the South Dakota Public Universities & Research Center. In official action Friday, the South Dakota Board of Regents agreed to the new name as plans move forward to permanently locate and expand public university courses and services in the state’s largest city.

“A new identity—represented by this new name—reflects our commitment to bring courses and programs to this center from all six public universities in South Dakota,” said Regents President Harvey C. Jewett. In the past, USDSU had been a partnership of The University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, and Dakota State University.

“This designation reflects a new partnership among all six public universities in Sioux Falls and the evolving mission of public higher education—in both instruction and research—in that community,” said Robert T. Tad Perry, the regents’ executive director.

Also on Friday, the regents approved preliminary plans for two new building projects to create space for classrooms, research, and graduate education on property the regents acquired earlier this year in northwest Sioux Falls. A 52,000-square-foot classroom building, along with a graduate education and research facility of about 35,000 square feet, will be built. Both projects have been authorized by the state legislature, which also appropriated \$8 million for the classroom building.