



2008 TINKER BOND ISSUE PROJECT SUMMARIES

I. General Motors Facility (Tinker Air Force Base) (\$55M)

Included in this bond issue is \$55M to support the plan to acquire the General Motors facility. Tinker Air Force Base will then lease the 4.5M square foot facility from the County for expansion/relocation of some of its workload, primarily engine maintenance and repair. The expansion of Tinker's operations will strengthen its long-term development and increase operations of military contractors in Oklahoma. Further, depending on future Air Force decisions, the expansion could cause rapid job growth over the next five years.

II. Oklahoma County Courthouse Renovation (\$10.5M)

Built in 1937, the historic Oklahoma County Courthouse is an outstanding representation of the Solomon A. Layton architectural style in Oklahoma City. Although recently restored in appearance, the internal infrastructure remains rusted, deteriorated, and in critical disrepair. This project allows for replacement of old utility systems with modern, energy saving, controllable, and multiple-zoned systems to provide greater safety and efficiency to the 102,667 SF building, which includes courtrooms, judge chambers, judicial offices, and jury and public areas.

III. County Record Retention (\$5.75M)

Oklahoma County currently retains official records and documents ranging from property deeds and tax filings to financing statements and criminal case files. Despite the reduction of hard copy documents through aggressive digital imaging efforts, the County must use multiple locations in the downtown campus and 15,000 SF of remote and problematic rental space for storage. The existing storage is located in unsafe and insecure areas, including around water and sewer pipes, as well as other maintenance areas, which complicates repair and upkeep. This project would provide necessary storage space that the County may expand depending on need, and would establish a comprehensive management program, thus improving file access, safekeeping from damage, and security.

IV. Natural Hazard Mitigation and Flood Relief (\$6M)

Oklahoma has a history of natural disasters. In 2007 alone, Oklahoma County suffered five federal disasters. These ranged from severe ice storms to intense thunderstorms and flooding. The federal government usually provides funds to Oklahoma County after a disaster to help clean up the damage. Now, the federal government is offering funds to help Oklahoma County avoid future disasters. Under this proposal, the County will receive funds to develop greater flood control, wildfire prevention, and other disaster relief plans throughout the County, with the focus in flood prone Northwestern and East Central areas. Best of all, **for every one dollar spent by the County, the federal government will spend three dollars toward the effort.** However, the County must first invest in these projects before it will receive federal funds.

V. Oklahoma County Cooperative Extension Service (\$7.25M)

This project includes the construction of a new facility for the Oklahoma County OSU Cooperative Extension Service, which provides diverse programs including Master Gardeners, 4-H, and Home and Community Education. Due to the success of the Extension Center's various programs, the current 11,335 SF facility built in 1965, which has no room to expand in its current location, is inadequate in meeting, office, work, and storage space, as well as lacking sufficient parking for the hundreds of citizens participating in weekly programs. The space limitations restrict the expansion of these valuable community programs and prohibit additional or new programs.