As a comprehensive community and technical college, South Central College prepares students to transition to the next stage of their education or start rewarding careers upon graduating. The college’s North Mankato Campus is located in the vibrant heart of South Central Minnesota (DEED EDR 9). Given the continued growth of this region, any investment made in South Central College will provide a significant return for our students and the marketplace as a whole.

South Central Minnesota has been identified as a geographic hub for three industry sectors: Healthcare, Manufacturing and Agribusiness. All of the improvements in South Central College’s proposed 2016 Renovation and Renewal Project will directly impact the college’s programs in these industries:

**Healthcare:** 1 in 8 individuals in South Central Minnesota is employed in Healthcare-related careers, accounting for 15.5% of total payroll at $631 million annually (52% increase over the past decade)

**Manufacturing:** 1 in 5 individuals in South Central Minnesota is employed in Manufacturing-related careers, accounting for 22.9% of total payroll at $931 million annually (18% increase over the past decade)

**Agribusiness:** In addition to Agricultural processing, which is included in the manufacturing data above, there are 7,918 farms in South Central Minnesota, with a net income of $1.1 billion (15% of the state total)

With the continued projected growth of all these industries and the increase in high paying, high demand jobs, it is critical South Central College have the appropriate facilities in which to educate our Future Workforce.

Statistical Sources
Healthcare and Manufacturing Data: 2015 DEED Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
Agribusiness Data: 2012 USDA Census of Agriculture
This $9.6 million 2017 STEM & Healthcare Renovation and Renewal Project renovates and renews existing STEM and Healthcare facilities in more than 90,000 gross square foot (GSF) area of South Central College’s North Mankato campus.

**Renovation**

The project will include necessary structural investments including:

- Replacing 4 HVAC Units covering more than 47,000 GSF, 3 that were installed in 1968, 1 that was installed in 1987 (Pictured: 1968 HVAC)
- Removing asbestos from under floor in more than 21,000 GSF of the campus (Pictured: Compromised floor)
- Replacing approximately 12,000 GSF of Roof (Pictured: Leaking roof)
- Eliminating approximately $3 million of deferred maintenance backlog (Pictured: Structural issues)

**Renewal**

The project will optimize the college’s current footprint by making improvements to more than 33,000 GSF of existing facilities including:

- Repurposing existing space for 12 new labs and upgrading 8 existing labs, providing experiential learning opportunities for students in the college’s healthcare, manufacturing, agribusiness, science and computer programs (Pictured: Science and computer labs)
- Establishing 3 new agribusiness classrooms in current spaces (Pictured: Space for new agribusiness classroom)
- Establishing a new center for monitored testing (Pictured: Existing testing area)
- Creating a new center for serving veterans (Pictured: Veterans office today)
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