

Council on Postsecondary Education
September 16, 2007

Kentucky State University
Purchase of Land-Grant Program Tour Bus

The following interim project recommendation will authorize Kentucky State University to use federal land grant funds to purchase a tour bus to support the university's land grant program and other university activities/programs.

ACTION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the request of Kentucky State University to use federal funds to purchase a tour bus to support the university's land grant program. The estimated purchase price is \$400,000.

Kentucky State University proposes to use federal funds provided by the United States Department of Agriculture to purchase a tour bus to support the cooperative extension program and other land grant activities at the university. The cost of the proposed acquisition is \$400,000. The Kentucky State University Board of Regents approved the project.

The Council has the statutory responsibility to review and approve postsecondary education capital projects costing \$600,000 or more and major items of equipment costing \$200,000 or more, regardless of fund source, that have been approved by an institution's governing board. During the interim, capital projects are evaluated under the requirements established by KRS 45.760(14).

This acquisition will provide a reliable mode of transportation for the land grant program and other university activities/programs. The project will acquire a 2008 model MCI, 56-passenger tour bus. The purchase is scheduled to be completed by November 2007. The project meets the requirement set forth by KRS 45.760(14). The Kentucky State University Division of Purchasing will implement the project, and the university will pay the cost of operations and maintenance.

Following Council approval, the staff will forward the Council's recommendation to the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet and to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.