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Bank of North Dakota Unveils New Building Design

Bismarck, ND – June 28, 2006: Three efficient, well-organized stories, 60 thousand total square feet and many windows. These are just a few characteristics of the freshly revealed plan for the new Bank of North Dakota (BND) building. The plans for the design of the new building were released today at a press conference at BND in Bismarck, along with deadlines for advertising and opening bids.

BND President Eric Hardmeyer and Ritterbush-Ellig-Hulsing (REH) P.C. architect William Ellig revealed the design of the new Bank building, with construction slated to begin in August of this year on the 7.2 acres of property that was purchased in November of 2005.

“We think it is an elegant building,” Hardmeyer said. “The colors were chosen so we would blend nicely into our surroundings. If you use your imagination when you look at the front of the building you may see the bow of a boat. It’s our salute to our new neighbor, the Missouri River and all the history that goes along with it.”

The foundation of the new building, made with bricks from the Hebron Brick Company, will be a “toasted gray” color to blend with the soils of the area. The top two-thirds of the new Bank will be made with a green float glass exterior, reminiscent of the grasses of the North Dakota prairie.

“It represents the state of North Dakota,” said Ellig. “It is very modern, yet still traditional, much like our state. That’s the feeling we want people to come away with.”

The layout and design of the new building, along with the technology and capabilities that will come with it, will allow for business to be conducted much more efficiently. On-site parking will increase from approximately 170 spots, to at least 210 parking spots on the new property. The plans include two large elevators compared to the current small one, plus a secure loading dock for armored trucks.

The Bank will advertise for bids on the construction of the building beginning July 5. It will open bids July 27. Construction is scheduled to begin in August of this year, with completion set for November or December of 2007.

The nation’s only state-owned bank, BND was established in 1919 to encourage and promote agriculture, commerce and industry in North Dakota. BND is overseen by the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Gov. John Hoeven as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.

Media Note – to obtain images of the architectural renderings of the new building, please visit our website at www.banknd.nd.gov under “News & Events.”

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