

Northeast Iowa Community College BOND ISSUE FACT SHEET December 11, 2007

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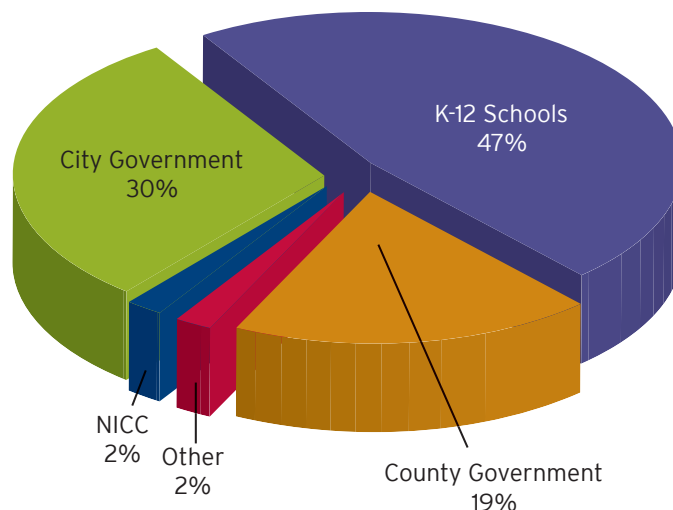
1. Expand facilities, programs and equipment that train tomorrow's workers with the most up-to-date technology and skills.
2. Repair and replace leaky roofs, old heating and cooling systems, wiring, etc. - the first since the 1960's.
3. Increase dual enrollment opportunities for high school students to help working families save on college tuition.

Why is this important to me?

1. NICC educates the professionals you rely on each day -- Nearly 10,000 graduates in health-related fields alone, not to mention auto mechanics, welders and carpenters
2. NICC educates more students in this area than any other educational institution -- 87 percent of NICC's graduates live, work and pay taxes in Northeast Iowa
3. NICC's economic impact on Northeast Iowa is estimated at \$82.4 million annually.

What is the cost for the owner of a \$100,000 home? With residential rollbacks, it's only \$1.75 per month or about \$21 per year! That will generate \$35 million over 10 years for NICC.

In all counties across NICC's service area that ranges from 1.5 to 3 percent of a taxpayer's total taxes. The average taxpayer's tax bill looks something like the pie chart below:



The Average Taxpayer's Bill
(ranges from 1.5 to 3 percent of total taxes)

What will be included in this bond levy project?

Based on student, staff, faculty, and community input, as well as an on-site needs analysis conducted by Conlon Construction, the NICC Master Facilities Planning Committee and the NICC Board of Trustees have identified the following facility needs.

Plans at all NICC locations across the district:

- Expand outreach services to meet specific needs of local communities
- Expand Instructional facilities and upgrade instructional equipment on all NICC campuses and centers
- Upgrade classroom technology in all NICC facilities, campuses and centers
- Bring all buildings up to code including making all buildings ADA and Fire Marshall compliant. (replace door knobs with door handles, remodel entrances for handicap accessibility, renovate restrooms for the disabled, automate doors, upgrade fire alarm systems)
- Renovate interior buildings to replace and repair facilities. (install energy efficient windows, lighting, and doors; replace ceiling tiles; repair and replace flooring as needed; repair building roofs; tuckpoint brick buildings)
- Improve signage.
- Improve campus security and communication infrastructure. (robust wireless computer network, updated phone/communication systems)

Plans for campus/center locations:

- Renovate two downtown Dubuque centers to expand outreach services
- Renovation of the Industrial Technologies Building on the Calmar Campus
- New Industrial Technologies Building on the Peosta Campus
- New Student Services Center and Library on the Calmar Campus
- Renovation of the Health and Sciences program areas on the Peosta Campus
- Renovation of the Max Clark and Wilder Buildings on the Calmar Campus
- Renovation and expansion of the Library on the Peosta Campus (in partnership with Dubuque County)
- Replace air handling systems.
- Repair and replace parking lots and sidewalks.
- Move programs to improve overall health and safety of students and staff and provide space for program expansion. (e.g. move Peosta diesel mechanics away from classrooms and offices that exist above it)
- New facilities to provide additional classroom space, places for students to gather, expansion of new programs

NICC makes a difference in so many lives!

Shawn was told to get a job after high school. His high school grades were sub-par and no one believed he was college material. He routinely got into trouble and didn't have much family support at home. He attended NICC and, with the help and guidance of instructor Cheryl Donlon, found a love of science. She mentored him and got him to believe in himself and the possibilities that were open to him if he tried. Shawn is now a doctor practicing neurosurgery and has often credited Cheryl for his success.

58 year-old Donna finally received her GED or high school equivalency diploma after years of adversity, family issues and health problems. "You are never judged or criticized, and they never let you fail," said Donna of NICC staff. NICC's pass rate for GED students was 100 percent in 2006. NICC offers free GED preparation classes in many communities through Northeast Iowa. In 2006, 190 students received their GED through NICC.

Coming from a single parent family, Noel was motivated to get her four-year college degree but knew that it would be tough to finance. She discovered that she could earn both high school and college credit simultaneously while in high school. Through her high school's dual enrollment agreement with NICC, Noel was able to graduate with her associate degree from NICC prior to her high school graduation. And she was able to do so at no cost to her or her family, saving thousands on college tuition.

The NICC Ballot Issue will be placed before the voters in 24 school districts across Northeast Iowa on Tuesday, December 11, 2007. For additional information as the campaign continues, please consult the NICC website at: www.nicc.edu.

IMPORTANT: When polling places and times are announced by each county, they will be listed on the NICC website. IF you haven't already voted by absentee ballot, please check the website for times and locations so you can VOTE ON DECEMBER 11!