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CROWDER COLLEGE WEBB CITY ANNOUNCE EXPANSION AND GENEROUS DONOR

WEBB CITY, MO – Crowder College announced its building expansion plans at its Webb City location this morning along with the generous matching fund donation for the new \$6M projecton.

The new building will add 22,000 square feet to the current facility. The newly constructed building will include a 9,000 square foot tornado safe room able to withstand an EF-5 tornado. This safe room will provide students, staff and community residents protection from dangerous storms. The safe room will also function as usable classroom space.

Jim and Treva Dawson have pledged \$900k, with \$600k of it to match additional fundraising to be done by the college. The Dawsons were first generation college students in their families and they understand the importance of education and what Crowder has done for Webb City and the area. The building is scheduled to open in the Fall 2014 semester.

Crowder College is a Community College established in 1963 in Neosho, MO. Since that time it has expanded its offerings to a 9-county service district in southwest Missouri.

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