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## University of Nebraska 2011-2013 Biennial Budget Request

The Board of Regents is being asked to approve the University of Nebraska’s 2011-2013 biennial budget request at its meeting June 11. The request must be submitted to the Governor by Sept. 15, 2010. Following are key elements of the request that will go before the Board.

(Note: Per historical practice, no salary increases will be submitted initially. The University will submit its salary needs to the Board of Regents, Governor and Legislature after collective bargaining negotiations are nearly finalized. For illustrative purposes, both a 0% and 2.5% salary increase are shown in the request.)

- With no salary increases, the University’s budget would grow by 2.9% in 2011-2012 and 2.2% in 2012-2013. With a 2.5% salary increase, the budget would grow by 5.8% in 2011-2012 and 4.9% in 2012-2013.
- The University proposed request includes modest annual increases in two priority initiatives: need-based financial aid, which helps ensure affordable access at the University; and Programs of Excellence, top academic initiatives in areas in which the University is a leader.
- Utility expenses are projected to increase by 5% per year during the biennium.
- The proposed request includes a 10% increase in employer health insurance costs.
- The request includes a 1% assessment for deferred maintenance as required by the Legislature.

### Capital construction request:

- Each biennium, the University also submits capital projects for funding consideration. A UNMC College of Nursing building in Lincoln remains the University’s highest-priority capital project. Planning funds for the facility have already been provided by the Legislature. Studies show an acute need for more nurses both in Nebraska and nationwide. In Nebraska alone, the nursing shortage is expected to grow to 30% by 2020. A new College of Nursing facility would allow the University to train more students and continue to meet the growing health demands of the state. If approved by the Board of Regents, the project will be submitted to the Governor for funding consideration.