

National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) Update  
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Chairman Goico and members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security heard an informational presentation today from Landon Fulmer, who is the Executive Director, NBAF Kansas Steering Committee (and Governor Brownback's Chief Policy Director) on the current status of the NBAF project in Manhattan. I have gleaned off several key components of his testimony for your review.

- The Kansas Legislature has already committed almost \$150 million for the NBAF's construction and research mission. Kansas expects to match the FY11 expenditure with the already Finance Council approved \$45.4M in bond proceeds for complete site clearance and central utility plant construction and the remaining bond proceeds under the \$105M statutory cap for the lab construction match.
- The Federal government has allocated over \$200 million in for this project. Congress appropriated \$40M in FY11 and \$50M in FY12 for construction of the central utility plant and laboratory facility, respectfully.
- One concern is the upcoming Site-Specific Risk Assessment (SSRA) – federal funding can only be expended after they update their findings. This SSRA will allow us to understand how the State and the Feds can best mitigate against any kind of adverse event occurring at the laboratory. The SSRA is expected to be completed by DHS sometime in February and will then have to be reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences. As you might remember that this was done once before with not favorable results.
- So, the state decided to be proactive to the possible outcomes of this report ... to qualify the risks associated with leaving the state defenseless, they contracted with SES, Inc. of Shawnee, Kansas to provide the state with a report on how vulnerable we leave ourselves to threats that we know exist around the world to our food supply and livestock industry. I have provided you with a link to that report and Eric Hess from SES presented the executive summary of that report to this legislative committee this morning.

<http://www.k-state.edu/govrelations/federal/NBAF%20Risk%20Analysis%20Report.pdf>

- Probably the biggest news from today's presentation is that Kansas is waiting on the feds ... the Brownback administration has proposed in the FY13 budget to make \$5M available for the next seven years for transitioning certain research away from Plum Island to the BRI facility on KSU campus. The research transition funding that was part of the Kansas' NBAF offer will help build capacity and train talent for the eventual standing up of the NBAF itself.
- Another key outcome of today's hearing was a presentation by Impact DataSource out of Austin, Texas. After the 2011 session, many legislators wanted to have a better idea what the outcome might be from the potential growth that will accompany NBAF. Paul Scheuren provided that testimony and I have provided the link for that report. The executive summary is a pretty good review of what's in the report.

<http://www.k-state.edu/govrelations/federal/NBAF%20Economic%20Impact%20Report.pdf>