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**OKLAHOMA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING IN NEED OF \$84.7 MILLION OF REPAIRS**

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK-** The Oklahoma Department of Central Services released The State Capitol Building Historic Conditions Report, which describes a detailed assessment of the present condition of this 100 year old historic state capitol building. This study recommends renovations to address the current needs of the more critical maintenance issues.

The total costs, excluding architectural, engineering and administrative expenses are estimated to be \$84.7 million. The report explains the requirements and updates needed and allows a starting point to plan for the task of restoring the capitol in continuing its second 100 years of operation. "After 100 years of heavy use and exposure to Oklahoma's weather extremes, the building is simply worn out," said John Richard, Director of Central Services. "The building has served the citizens of Oklahoma well, but major needs will have to be addressed for the building to remain useful for its second hundred years."

The 400,000 square foot building was designed by Oklahoma City architectural firm of Layton and Smith and constructed by Manhattan Construction Company between 1914 and 1919. It was first occupied by the state in 1917. The report provides a detailed historic context and serves as a starting point for discussions on restoration and modernization.

The Department hopes this report provides sufficient information to generate discussions in the restoration of the state's most important building. The report is available for public viewing at <http://www.ok.gov/DCS/documents/DCS-State-Capitol-Conditions-Report-02-24-2011.pdf>

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