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CONGRESS APPROVES ALLARD REQUEST TO FUND BIOSAFETY LEVEL 3 RESEARCH LAB AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congress has voted to approve the 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act that includes \$500,000 for Colorado State University to construct a second biosafety level three laboratory (BSL-3) on the CSU campus.

“The research performed at this laboratory is vital to our nation’s security and safety,” Senator Allard said. “CSU scientists are working to find ways to deter the use of deadly diseases as a weapon against the American people. I am proud that this research is being conducted in Colorado.”

To address expanding research needs and enlarge its research operations, CSU plans to construct its second super-secure BSL-3 building. As a center of excellence in infectious diseases and environmental toxicology, CSU already has constructed 12,200 square feet of new biological safety facilities and is using 100 percent of this space for research into drug-resistant tuberculosis, hantavirus and vector-borne diseases.

Additional space is needed to conduct publicly and privately funded research and to provide appropriate space for hazardous work with human and large-animal pathogens and toxic chemicals. CSU researchers collaborate with researchers at the Centers for Disease Control, also in Fort Collins.

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