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**AMEREN CONTRIBUTES TO LIGHTING OF LEWIS & CLARK
CONFLUENCE TOWER**

The Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust recently pledged \$25,000 to the Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower Foundation to help fund the Tower's lighting installations.

"Corporate involvement, like Ameren's, is a strong endorsement of our project," said Foundation chairman, Thomas Long. "The Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower will be an important addition to our region's tourism."

When finished, the 180 ft. Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower and its three observation decks will provide the visitor with a panoramic view of the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers to the West as well as a view of the region's industrial landscape to the East. The Tower will serve as an interpretive center highlighting the past, present, and future of the Riverbend area.

The site also will include a 350-seat amphitheater for public and private events, as well as bike access from the Confluence bike trail that tops the levee adjacent to the Tower site. The Tower will add to the many attractions linked by the Confluence bike trail along the Great River Road. The goal is to have all work complete before the return of the Corps of Discovery to this region in September, 2006.

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