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THE LEWIS & CLARK CONFLUENCE TOWER RECEIVES CONFLUENCE OF
PUBLIC & PRIVATE SUPPORT

ConocoPhillips Makes \$100,000 Contribution

HARTFORD, IL—Village of Hartford Mayor, William Moore, Jr., Moore was joined at the construction site of the Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower by Illinois State Representative, Steve Davis, and ConocoPhillips Wood River Refinery Manager, Herman Seedorf, to announce the confluence of public and private financial support for the project.

“Today at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers we celebrate the confluence of public and private money to move this project forward,” said Moore.

Illinois State Representative, Steve Davis, was responsible for securing the first \$2.28 million

of public money for the project. He said the tower is “a symbol of progress...not only for the Village of Hartford, but also for the entire region.”

The project received a \$100,000 check today from ConocoPhillips of Wood River, Illinois. This was the first private contribution for the Tower project and the single largest contribution by ConocoPhillips in southern Illinois.

“ConocoPhillips is honored to be a partner in progress on this great project for continued prosperity in our community,” said ConocoPhillips Wood River Refinery Manager, Herman Seedorf. The refinery has been a part of the Wood River community for more than 85 years and is a major employer in the region.

The tower is being constructed to commemorate the Lewis & Clark Expedition’s 200th anniversary. The twin concrete towers will be 180’ in height with three observation platforms overlooking the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

Construction on the tower is now underway. Kennedy Associates Incorporated, of St. Louis, Missouri, is the Construction Manager & Architect for the Project Team. The facility has been designed for phased construction to dovetail with fundraising activities of the Village of Hartford, which has raised nearly \$3 million of the \$5.4 million needed to complete this project. Phase 1 is expected to be complete by November 2004.

Editorial note: Digital images available.