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## BMCC seeks community input for FARM II facility name

PENDLETON, Ore. – The new Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) agriculture complex and arena project, known as "FARM II", needs an official name, and the College seeks the public's input. Since the new facility will serve the community, BMCC would like the community's input on the facility's new name, which will have "BMCC" in front of it.

Funding for construction of the new facility – which is a partnership between the College, the City of Pendleton, Pendleton Round-Up, Umatilla County, InterMountain Education Service District, and the Port of Umatilla – was approved by the Legislature at the end of the 2019 Legislative Session, in the amount of \$13 million. The City and Round-Up have acquired properties west of Southwest 18<sup>th</sup> Street, across from the Pendleton Convention Center, for the project and will allow BMCC to construct the facility on that land. The College anticipates breaking ground in the fall of 2020.

The building is primarily an educational facility for agriculture education and regional workforce training, with an indoor arena for rodeo, equine, livestock and other events. The primary educational programs within the facility will include large animal veterinary technician and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). The facility will also be able to host classes, workshops, clinics, trainings, shows and events related to agriculture, livestock, robotics and other regional workforce training needs.

"This facility will be in a high-traffic area of Pendleton, and will serve the community in a variety of ways, so the College and its partners in the project felt involving the community in the naming process was important," said BMCC President Dennis Bailey-Fougner.

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After BMCC receives input, suggested names (or a combination thereof) will be narrowed to multiple finalists, and another survey will be conducted to gain feedback on those to help BMCC finalize the new facility's name. Note that BMCC reserves the right to dismiss suggestions that are not in line with the mission, vision and values of the College, are offensive and/or are simply not a good fit for the purpose of the facility.

The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FARM-II-name>, or via the BMCC website and Facebook page. It will remain open through Sept. 30.

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