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**ISU REQUEST FOR CENTER TERMINATION: CENTER FOR EARTHWORKS  
ENGINEERING RESEARCH**

**Action Requested:** Recommend approval of Iowa State University's request to terminate the Center for Earthworks Engineering Research.

The Council of Provosts and the Board office support this request.

Background: The Center for Earthworks Engineering Research (CEER) was a university-industry-agency partnership that dedicated to accomplishing rapid advancements in quality, economy and performance of the earthwork aspects of civil infrastructure. Its focus was improving the fundamental understanding of earth mechanics and providing enabling technologies and supportive public policies. Housed and administered at the Institute for Transportation (InTrans), and working closely with the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering, CEER applied geotechnology, information technology, and construction engineering in research and technology transfer. Activities addressed regional, national and international needs in earthworks research and technology.

Rationale for request to close: The faculty members who originated this center and provided research through this center left Iowa State University; there is no interest to continue this center. Representatives also consulted with the Iowa Department of Transportation who provided funding. They did not see a need for a formal center to continue.

Impact of closure: There are no remaining responsibilities of CEER. There are no faculty nor a director working with this center at this time.

Proposed date of closure: Upon approval by the Board of Regents.