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**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY BUILDING NAMING –
AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING**

Action Requested: Consider Iowa State University's request to name an Iowa State University Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Building and adjoining Atrium as Sukup Hall and Atrium in honor of the Sukup family of Sheffield, Iowa.

Executive Summary: Iowa State University requests approval to name an Iowa State University Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Building and adjoining Atrium as Sukup Hall and Atrium in honor of the Sukup family of Sheffield, Iowa. The Sukups have committed a lead gift of \$5 million for this facility, for which ground was broken on September 30, 2011. This gift recognizes the strong role that the University's Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering has played in the success of the Sukup family and its business, Sukup Manufacturing.

Eugene and Mary Sukup are Iowa natives with close ties to Iowa State University. Their sons, Charles and Steve, their daughters-in-law, Mary and Vicki, and four of their grandchildren are all Iowa State graduates. Another grandchild is currently a student at the University of Iowa while a sixth grandchild is attending Iowa State University.

Sukup Manufacturing Co. was founded in 1962 by Eugene Sukup in Sheffield, Iowa when he bought a grain bin to dry and store shelled corn and then patented the Stirway stirring machine, a horizontal auger. As a true family business, Eugene served as president for 32 years and is now chairman of the board, while Mary, his wife of more than fifty years, serves as Corporate Secretary. Charles is the company president and Steve serves as vice president and chief financial officer.

In addition to being generous supporters of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, the Sukup family has made gifts in support of Cyclone athletics, the Hixson Lied Student Success Center and the Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods.

Charles and Steve both serve as Iowa State University Foundation Governors. Eugene and Mary were recently named Honorary Alumni by the Iowa State University Alumni Association.

Iowa State University's Biorenewables Complex includes the Biorenewables Research Laboratory (Phase One), which was completed and dedicated in the fall of 2010. The Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Building to be constructed in Phase Two will serve as home to the top-ranked Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and will also include Elings Hall, named for Virgil Elings. The Atrium will connect all three buildings in the Complex.

The University is grateful for the significant support the Sukup family is providing to Iowa State University and respectfully requests approval to name the second Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Building and Atrium in its honor.