

Patrick Zollner, Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer
Kansas Historical Society
6425 SW 6th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66615

19 December 2024

RE: Bioscience & Technology Business Center (KU Innovation Park)
Kansas National Security Innovation Center (BTBC Phase IV Building)
Lawrence, KS

Dear Mr. Zollner,

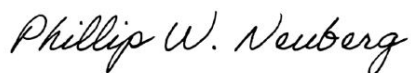
The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as Amended) and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800 is notifying you that it is administering a grant for the design and construction of the above noted project in accordance with the terms of the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act [Public law 117-312]. The new Kansas National Security Innovation Center (KNSIC), will be built on the University of Kansas West Campus, located near the northwest quadrant of 23rd and Iowa Streets in Lawrence, Kansas, adjacent to the KU Innovation Park's Main Facility and Phase III buildings. The KNSIC will be built on approximately two acres of land (see attached site summary). Design of the KNSIC facility is currently in development and projected to be an approximately 120,000 square-foot building comprising 60% high-security research space and 40% dedicated to wet and "light" laboratory space (see attached site plan).

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 106 of the NHPA (54 U.S.C. § 300101 et. Seq.) and following a desktop Cultural Resources Investigation, NIST has determined that no properties within the APE are eligible for listing in the NRHP. Furthermore, the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was previously consulted in March of 2020 and responded on April 9, 2020, regarding the proposed (now currently constructed) KU Innovation Park Phase III project undertaking and determined that the proposed work did not affect any property listed or determined eligible for listing in the NRHP. SHPO also determined that no impacts to historic resources would result from implementation of the Phase III project, nor would any known cultural resources be adversely affected by the project.

To that end NIST has determined that no historic resources nor known cultural resources will be affected by the undertaking of the above project. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we would appreciate being notified of your concurrence and/or comments within 30 days of the date of this letter. Should you have any questions, concerns, or desire for further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. TaJonique Martin at tajonique.martin@nist.gov or myself.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sincerely



Phillip Neuberg, FAIA

Enclosures: 1) KU Innovation Park – Site Summary
2) KU Innovation Park – Civil Site Plan

CC: Robert Slocum, National Institute of Standards & Technology

Control panel

PROJECT DOCUMENTS

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Staff of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the information regarding the above-referenced project in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800. In reviews of this nature, the SHPO determines whether a federally funded, licensed, or permitted project will adversely affect properties that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO has determined that the proposed project will not adversely affect any property listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register. This concludes the role of this office in the review of the submitted proposal.

Please refer to the Kansas State Review & Compliance number (KSR&C#) listed above on any future correspondence. This information is provided at your request to assist you in identifying historic properties, as specified in 36 CFR 800 for Section 106 consultation procedures.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with this project review at shelby.beltz@ks.gov or call 785-272-8681, ext. 219.

On behalf of:
Katrina Ringler
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Kansas Historical Society

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