



## News from Congressman Mike Simpson



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### **Simpson Secures Twin Falls Area Funding**

*Idaho Congressman wins funding for College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls Public Library*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, has secured funding to enhance a workforce development program at the College of Southern Idaho and modernize the availability of records at the Twin Falls Public Library. Simpson secured the funding as part of a final year-end bill funding several federal departments and agencies.

The bill includes \$200,000 in funding for the College of Southern Idaho's Pro-Tech Program to develop curriculum and to implement new post-secondary educational-technical training degrees and programs in the fields of hi-tech manufacturing and engineering. The program is a joint educational venture with Twin Falls High School and local industry that creates a pre-engineering academy at the high school and a Computerized Numeric Controls (CNC)/Industrial Networking Program at the college campus.

"The College of Southern Idaho's Pro-Tech Program is an innovative and collaborative effort to match the college's course offerings to the needs of Magic Valley employers," said Simpson. "It not only gives students the educational offerings they need, but it better prepares them to enter the job market with a specific set of skills tailored to area employers. I commend the College of Southern Idaho and Twin Falls High School for offering the program and for their hard work in securing this additional federal funding."

In addition, the bill contains \$100,000 for the Twin Falls Public Library's efforts to modernize and digitize records dating back to 1904, and it \$350,000 for the Children's Health Services Expansion at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

Other Idaho-based projects receiving funding in the bill include:

- \$1 million for the Idaho Meth Project;
- \$20 million for a new Logistics Readiness Center at Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB);
- \$690,000 for planning and design of a new Civil Engineering Maintenance Complex at MHAFB;
- \$500,000 for Idaho State Police participation in the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance Network;
- \$500,000 for the National Consortium of Offender Management Systems (NCOMS) Sharing Software for the Idaho Department of Corrections.

The legislation is expected to be passed by the House and Senate over the next two weeks and then be sent to the President for his signature.

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