Governor Noem’s recommended budget includes $29,500,000 in one-time funding to demolish and construct a new facility to replace Lincoln Hall on the campus of Northern State University (NSU).

The new, state-of-the-art facility will enhance the recruitment, education, and workforce readiness of the students in the NSU School of Business and South Dakota State University (SDSU) Accelerated Nursing program, which will now be housed in this building. By improving classroom, office, and meeting room accessibility and utilization, and designing spaces like simulation rooms, learning labs, and breakout rooms, this new facility will meet the specific needs of programs, benefit the students of today, and allow growth in the future.

The new facility will provide modern classrooms and office space predominately for the NSU School of Business, the SDSU Accelerated Nursing Program, and NSU Office of Admissions. It will replace instructional spaces that are not conducive to learning and address inadequate nursing lab space and limited classroom size, which restricts program growth in fields facing a significant shortage. It will also provide the space necessary for the Office of Admissions to move from the Avera Student Center, which will free up room for use by student organizations and success initiatives.

In addition to the construction of this new facility, this project includes the demolition of the existing Lincoln Hall, the demolition of Briscoe Hall, and the purchase of two properties currently owned by Northern’s auxiliary system to create parking for building occupants. Once funding is finalized, the project is expected to begin construction in 2022.

The estimated demolition, design, and construction budgets for this project are $29,500,000 to be funded through federal ARPA Capital Construction funds, which need federal approval.