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Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Center Bonds
Fact Sheet

- SB 171 of the 2013 legislature authorized the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) to enter into an agreement with Washburn University to design, construct, and equip a new forensic science laboratory. The bill further authorized the KBI to negotiate and execute a lease with Washburn University for the forensic science laboratory.
- 2013 Series Bonds were issued through the Topeka Public Building Commission (TPBC) with a total principle amount of \$57,420,000. The project concluded in October of 2015 when KBI moved in to the newly constructed building and took lease of the property.
- The Forensic Science Center is a three story 99,700 square foot building located on 1.5 acres of Washburn University's Campus. The facility consists of a full spectrum of functionality including evidence control, biology, toxicology, chemistry, firearms, latent prints, trace evidence, and digital forensics.
- Washburn University leases the ground in which the building is located upon to the Topeka Public Building Commission (TPBC). TPBC leases the facility to Washburn University and concurrently Washburn subleases the building to the KBI. Annual bond payments are reflective of the lease agreement. If bonds are redeemed the lease with Washburn will need to be revised.
- Remaining principle balance is \$41,205,000. Annual payments are approximately \$4.325 million.
- Issued bonds have an optional redemption date of December 1, 2021. The agency is in the initial steps of gathering information to explore options of refinance.