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August 12, 1976

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 76- 253

Mr. Edward G. Bruske  
Secretary  
Kansas Department of Economic Development  
6th Floor - 503 Kansas  
Topeka, Kansas 66603

RE: Public Improvements - Internal Improvements -  
Kansas State Fair Horse Barn Project

SYNOPSIS: The state may expend monies for the construction  
of a horse barn on the Kansas State Fair Grounds  
in Hutchinson.

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Dear Mr. Bruske:

You have requested the opinion of this office relative to the approval of the construction of a horse barn to "measure 300' long x 70' wide x 12' high." You advise that the construction of this building will "expand the dimension of services in the area of horse show activities."<sup>1</sup>

We have examined the project description and find no reason why it should not fall within the acceptable criteria as set out in our previous opinions.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, it is the opinion of this office that inasmuch as this construction

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<sup>1</sup>See attached project description.

<sup>2</sup>Opinion No. 75-315 addressed to Mr. James H. DeCoursey, Jr., and Opinion No. 76-121 addressed to Mr. Edward G. Bruske.

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project would be an improvement owned and used by the state in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities as a sovereign corporation, it would not therefore contravene the provisions of the Constitution of this state.

Yours very truly,



CURT T. SCHNEIDER  
Attorney General

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Enclosures

## HORSE BARN

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is the construction of a horse barn that will measure 300' long x 70' wide x 12' high. The new building will be a pre-engineered metal structure with concrete perimeter and clay floors, that will provide 112 additional stalls to the existing 197 stalls. The project will solve a serious problem now existing at the fair grounds. At present, horses in horse shows are rotated on a daily basis requiring 300 to 400 people to work out of trailers. A large number of trailers parked in close proximity to the Horse Show Exhibition Hall creates various unsafe conditions, including the problem of fire lanes in the area being continually blocked. The new horse barn will be constructed at the back of the present horse show building on the other side of the fire lane. With its completion, horse trailers will be kept in a designated area, relieving crowded working conditions and keeping fire lanes open.

In 1975, the Fair drew 1,095 horses in the open class and 1,365 in the 4-H show, but due to limited facilities, many breeders who had six blue ribbons in 1974 could not attend in 1975 due to lack of facilities. This creates a limited show and does not allow the fair to attract the most outstanding animals. Increasing the state fair grounds facilities will allow it to compete for larger horse shows during the year which at present cannot be accommodated.