

March 1-2, 2012

**ITEM 154-2901-R0312**

**Child Care Facility – MSU Great Falls College of Technology**

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**THAT**

Consistent with provisions of MCA § 20-25-302, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to proceed with the new Child Care Center Project at the MSU Great Falls COT.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. The 61st Montana Legislature (HB5, 2009 Session) appropriated \$1,600,000 in Long Range Building funds and provided \$500,000 in authority to spend non-state funds to construct a Simulated Hospital and a Child Care Center at the MSU Great Falls College of Technology.
  2. The Simulated Hospital was completed and put into operation in 2011. There remains \$1,031,398 in Long Range Building funds and the full \$500,000 in authority to be used to complete the Child Care Center project.
  3. The \$500,000 in non-state funding required to complete the project will include private donations and funds from the student building fee account. The Associated Students of MSU Great Falls have endorsed the expenditure of up to \$300,000 from the student building fee account for this project.
  4. The state A&E Division has commissioned an architect firm to design the project which will be ready to advertise for construction bids to be opened in late March or early April 2012. The COT desires to have the facility completed and operational for the end of 2012 or beginning of 2013. However it is understood we may be beyond that timeline.
  5. The attached Child Care Center Business Plan provides details related to the services to be provided; revenue and expense projections; description of instruction-related activities; non-state funding for construction; non-state funding for Operations & Maintenance obligations; and, a building narrative with schematic plan.
  6. This ITEM authorizes MSU to proceed with the project and to expend student building fees up to \$300,000 for construction, as outlined in the Business Plan, to complete the project.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

BOR Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7  
Child Care Center Business Plan