

November 15-16, 2007

ITEM 137-2003-R1107

**Extend Authorization to Construct a Clean Room in the  
EPS Complex; Montana State University**

**THAT:**

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102(b), the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes MSU to complete construction of a Clean Room in the EPS Complex. This request extends previous authority in the amount of \$3,500,000.

**EXPLANATION:**

1. Regents Item #126-2003-R0105 was approved at \$3,500,000 for this project.
2. Work on the project began in the fall of 2005, and the construction of the main clean room is now substantially complete. However, one final Change Order to increase the cooling capacity has been initiated, and it is reasonably likely that this work may not be completed and billed prior to the expiration of the project authority in January, 2008. Consequently, extending the authority to assure that the project will be completed under appropriate authority is necessary.
3. This project is financed with federal grant funding.