

September 18-19, 2013

ITEM 160-2904-R0913
Authorization to Renovate Existing Facilities – Great Falls College

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Consistent with the provisions of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Great Falls College to renovate portions of existing facilities to expand welding classes. This authorization is for \$1.5 million.

EXPLANATION

1. Great Falls College MSU (GFC MSU) has received an Economic Assistance Grant from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Dept of Commerce, in the amount of \$1,489,255.
 2. The grant funds will be used to execute a project that will include the following components:
 - a. Renovate a portion of the Main Building to accommodate moving the carpentry shop from the existing Industrial Trades Building into the southwest area of the Main Building.
 - b. Expand the existing welding shop into the bay vacated by the move of the carpentry shop by adding 20 new welding stations.
 - c. Complete mechanical and electrical modifications required to support the new welding area.
 3. The expanded welding program is required to meet the extremely high demand for skilled industrial trades workers in extraction-based industries working in the region. Welders that possess certification from both the Canadian Welding Bureau and the American Welding Society are high sought in the industry.
 4. This project will be administered through the state Architecture & Engineering Division.
 5. The grant requires a 1:1 match for which GFC MSU will receive full credit from the use of its existing facilities. The Regent's authority for this project includes approval to execute a *Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership* as required by the Economic Development Administration, confirming ownership of the facility by the state of Montana. (Attached)
 6. The grant requires that the renovation work must *begin* no later than 2 years from the date of the grant; however, GFC MSU expects to begin design in January, 2014 and to start the work on site in mid-2014. We expect to be able to begin using the renovated facility for full welding classes in January, 2015.
 7. In accordance with MCA 18-2-102 (c) this project requires the authorization of the Board of Regents and the consent of the Governor.
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ATTACHMENTS

1. *Draft* - Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership

BOR Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7

This authority request is for an amount greater than \$150,000 which requires the following additional information:

(a) Project Description: This authority request includes the following project elements:

- Renovate a portion of the Main Building (approx 9000sf) to accommodate moving the carpentry shop from the existing Industrial Trades Building into the southwest area of the Main Building.
- Expand the existing welding shop into the bay vacated by the move of the carpentry shop by adding 20 new welding stations. Includes adding 20 welding booths, 7 grinding stations, a fabrication area, and adding a ~300sf classroom. Approximate area to be renovated is ~4000sf.
- Complete mechanical and electrical modifications required to support the new welding area.

(b) Cost Estimate and Funding Sources:

Design.....	\$100,000
Construction.....	\$910,000
Construction Contingency ...	\$90,000
Equipment.....	<u>\$500,000</u>
Total	\$1,500,000

Construction would be completed in multiple phases to accommodate the various moves required.

FUNDING SOURCES: Funding for this project comes from the Economic Assistance grant from the EDA.

(c) Program Served, Enrollment Data, Projected Enrollment:

- Program Served: Welding
- Enrollment Data: 39 unduplicated headcount (not FTE) for AY 13
- Projected Enrollment: 240 unduplicated headcount (maximum possible)

(d) Space Utilization Data:

These renovations will upgrade existing spaces which will be more heavily used following project completion.

(e) Projected Use for Available Residual Space:

No residual space will be available for reallocation as a result of this project.

(f) Projected O&M Costs and Proposed Funding Sources:

Since this project affects primarily existing spaces and facilities, historic O&M costs are not expected to be significantly impacted by this project.