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ITEM 165-1002-R1114

Request for Authorization to Build Out of Shelled Space in the Interdisciplinary Science Building (ISB) - University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana – Missoula to build out approximately 4,220 sq. ft. of currently shelled space in the Interdisciplinary Science Building.

EXPLANATION

The Interdisciplinary Science Building was designed to be a catalyst for stimulating high levels of research in the natural sciences on the Missoula campus. Due to limited funding, the initial construction included three and a half floors of shelled out space. As funding became available, the intent was that the unfinished floors would be completed to house faculty labs, offices, and core facilities for research within and between disciplines.

In May of 2012, the Board of Regents, on Item 155-1002-R0512, approved the completion of space to provide “core facilities” on the basement level and research space on the second floor for faculty, research staff and students associated with the Center for Bimolecular Structure and Dynamics. Authorization also was received to complete space on the third floor to house an interdisciplinary research cluster investigating glaciers, polar ice sheets, and Montana’s seasonal snow.

In May of 2014, the University of Montana - Missoula received a \$45 million cooperative agreement award from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Under the agreement, UM will assist the Corps study and solve environmental and cultural resource problems across the nation. The University also will assist the Corp in implementing land and ecological restoration, maintenance and training for optimal management of public resources. The Army Corps of Engineer’s award will be administered through the UM Institute on Ecosystems. The principal investigator of this agreement and his team of researchers require space to conduct this work. The proposed build out will provide 3,800 sq. ft. of office/research space on the fourth floor with a 420 sq. ft. Data Server Room in the basement to support the research team.

Cost of the project is estimated at \$900,000 and will be funded with Facilities and Administrative (F&A) revenue generated in FY15 and FY16 from the Corps of Engineer’s agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Project Overview