

November 21-22, 2019

ITEM 185-107-R1119

Commitment to Lease Land for a State Laboratory Facility

THAT

The Board of Regents commits to providing a lease of Montana State University property for the purpose of constructing a state-owned or leased laboratory facility primarily for the Montana Department of Livestock's Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, contingent on the specific details and requirements provided below.

EXPLANATION

1. This commitment is to lease land located on the property of Montana State University in Bozeman. The amount of land to be leased will be appropriate to the scope of the project and will not include land for future expansion or other facilities.
 2. Montana State University will retain ownership of the land.
 3. A lease agreement will be considered by the Board of Regents when a funding source and financing plan for the facility are identified by the Department of Administration and provided to the Board of Regents.
 4. The Department of Administration must obtain the Board of Regents' approval prior to initial construction of the facility and must follow the procedures found in BOR Policy 1003.7 – Authorization of Building Projects. Neither Montana State University, nor the Montana University system will be responsible for the cost of design, construction, site improvements or the operations and maintenance cost of the facility during the term of the lease. At any conclusion of the lease, the lessee shall arrange, and finance, the decommissioning of the facility.
 5. The Board of Regents supports a no cost lease of land with the understanding that if no significant construction on a state laboratory facility has begun by the time the Board of Regents holds its regular meeting in September 2022, this resolution will be placed in moratorium with the option of reconsideration at a future meeting.
 6. This commitment is also contingent on the Montana Department of Agriculture vacating McCall Hall and relocating to either the new laboratory building or to an off-campus location.
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ATTACHMENTS

None.