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ITEM 193-2002-R0321

Request for Authorization to Expend \$750,000 of General Spending Authority for Engineering Research Lab Build Out; Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to spend up to \$750,000 of MUS General Spending Authority (GSA) to build out shelled research space within Norm Asbjornson Hall.

EXPLANATION

1. Montana State University requests authority to expend GSA to build out two research lab spaces within Norm Asbjornson Hall for optics and photonics research in relation to the Optical Technology Center.
 2. Specifically, rooms 324 and 360 within Norm Asbjornson Hall will be improved. The project will entail creating specific, light controlled research suites within existing spaces as well as secure equipment and materials for the research labs.
 3. No new space will be created with this request as the two labs were shelled-out during the original construction of the building with the intent of future use pending MSU research needs.
 4. The renovation will be paid for using non-state funds and federal grant dollars already secured by the Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Physical Plant B 1003.7