Subject: James and Anne Duderstadt Center
Air Barrier and Mechanical System Repairs

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The James and Anne Duderstadt Center was constructed in 1995 and houses the Art, Architecture, and Engineering Library; the Computer Aided Engineering Network; the Digital Media Commons; the Millennium Project; the Mujo cafe; as well as conference, training, and office spaces. The Duderstadt Center includes expansive soffits that have been significantly damaged due to air infiltration and water condensation onto the building materials. This problem requires correction to prevent parts of the soffit from eventually falling off the building. This project will address the root cause of the problem by installing a proper vapor barrier and air barrier, adding thermal insulation, upgrading mechanical systems, and repairing the damaged soffits. The project will also result in improved energy performance for the building. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $2,200,000. Funding will be provided from General Fund resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The engineering firm of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2010.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the James and Anne Duderstadt Center Air Barrier and Mechanical System Repairs project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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