

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Received by the Regents
December 13, 2007

Subject: Fiscal Year 2009 Capital Outlay Submission
All Campuses

Background:

In November 2007, the University submitted to the State the Capital Outlay Request and Five-Year Master Plan for the Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and the Flint Campuses for fiscal year 2009. The five-year plan includes information on the University's mission, instructional programming, staffing and enrollment data, facility condition assessment, master planning, and major projects anticipated over the next five years. Each year, the University has the opportunity to update information and amend the plan as needs and priorities change. Any project accepted by the State for funding requires an action request approved by the Board of Regents.

The capital outlay request for Ann Arbor includes three projects that reflect our commitment to the life sciences, energy and nanotechnology, and health sciences education. We remain flexible with our planning so we can accommodate adjustments as the capital outlay process moves forward.

As noted in previous requests, the need for a new biology building remains a strong priority to position the University to respond to a growing field in life sciences. The project is estimated to cost \$175 million. Our academic accomplishments will bring significant benefits to the state's economy by simultaneously attracting cutting-edge life science businesses to Michigan and providing them with a highly-educated workforce.

Another project that has emerged as a very high priority close behind biology is the G.G. Brown Laboratory Building renovation and addition at an estimated cost of \$133 million. The Mechanical Engineering Department is consistently ranked in the top five undergraduate and graduate programs nationally in a field strategically important for revitalizing the state's economy. G.G. Brown is in need of infrastructure upgrades, and an expansion will allow the department to remain competitive with peer institutions, continue to provide top-notch engineering talent, support manufacturing and industry in the state, and conduct research in important fields such as energy and nanotechnology.

The University is also planning a new health sciences education building that will allow the health sciences schools and colleges to combine resources to offer robust education opportunities for all students. The estimated cost of this project is \$122 million. The conceptual and programmatic design of this building addresses the University's desire to increase the efficient use of space for interdisciplinary education and training.

The Dearborn Campus submitted one project that includes the renovation of the Science Building and the Computer Science Building with their shared infrastructure. Both buildings are original to the 1959 campus construction. The Science Building is in need of complete rehabilitation for the steadily growing Department of Natural Sciences that will allow new research technology and instruction methods to continue collaboration with the College of Engineering in the emerging nano-science area. The Computer Science Building was constructed

constructed for use as an administrative and faculty office building and now houses the Computer Information Science department. A renovation is planned that will allow students to pursue advanced research in computer science laboratories and classrooms. The estimated cost of this project is \$36 million.

The Flint Campus submitted one project, the renovation of laboratories and classrooms in the Murchie Science Laboratory Building, estimated to cost \$20.8 million. This project includes upgrading the facility and creating a science education building to better prepare K-12 science teachers, excite younger students about science programs, and better prepare our students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Over the years, the State has made significant and strategic investments through the Capital Outlay program at all three University of Michigan campuses. State support through its capital outlay programs has been crucial to our efforts in providing an exemplary learning, teaching, and research environment, and we look forward to future opportunities to partner with the State.

Respectfully submitted,



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