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ITEM 136-1501-R0907

**Authorization for Data Center Remodel Project; Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

**THAT:**

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102 and 20-25-302, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana Tech of The University of Montana to renovate its Data Center. The total cost of the renovation is estimated to be \$481,841.

**EXPLANATION:**

The Data Center, which serves the entire campus, is located in the Mining and Geology Building. The Center does not have a fire suppression system, a satisfactory cooling system, or a raised floor to protect equipment from possible water damage.

The project will be carried out in two phases. Phase One, which consists of the bulk of the work, would correct these deficiencies. Phase Two would entail the installation of an alternate power source (a generator).

Phase One is estimated to cost \$338,813 and Phase Two is estimated to cost 143,028. The project will be funded from \$144,725 in a plant fund designated for this purpose, and the remainder from the Information Technology fee.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Data Center Upgrade Costs