

November 15-16, 2012

ITEM 157-2704-R1112

**Authorization to Replace Dishwasher and Soiled Dish Return; Montana State University Billings**

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**THAT**

Consistent with the provisions of BOR Policy #940.9.2, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University Billings to replace the existing dishwasher which serves the main food service operation on campus. This request authorizes \$200,000 for use on this project.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. The existing dishwasher is in dire need of replacement. It was installed 27 years ago and is 15 years past the useable service life. It is obsolete equipment which is becoming increasingly difficult to find replacement parts to keep it operational.
  2. The existing equipment functions at a fraction of the operational efficiency which a kitchen of this size requires. The kitchen serves an average of 1,000 meals per day and 5,000 catering customers each month which is a significant increase from the number of meals served back in 1985 when the equipment was installed. The proposed replacement will not only be properly sized, it will be significantly more energy efficient. An energy audit was performed on the project and estimates \$7,000 annual savings.
  3. The current dish return system was designed for the use of "trays" to be used by customers and dishes were returned on the trays. Due to a recently implemented sustainability and waste reduction initiative, trays are no longer used in the residential dining facilities, making the system no longer compatible.
  4. This project will be financed with a combination of non-state funds from existing Auxiliary Operations and Renewal and Replacements Revenues in excess of debt service obligations, and will be completed during the Summer of 2013 once the residence halls have been closed for the academic year.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

BOR Policy: Physical Plant Section 1003.7 – Additional Justification