



MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

TO: Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Mick Robinson
Deputy Commissioner for Administrative & Fiscal Affairs

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SUBJECT: Montana University System Long Range Building Program

By memo dated January 15, 2010, the Montana University System received a request from the Architecture and Engineering Division (A & E) of the Department of Administration to develop a MUS Long Range Building Program (LRBP) priority list for possible inclusion in the State Long Range Building Program to be presented to the 2011 legislature session. Final LRBP requests must be submitted to A & E by July 1, 2010.

As we have discussed in previous Board meetings, the MUS LRBP process has included campus visits, including tours of campus facilities and a prioritization process for MSU campuses and UM campuses. Presented for your review and consideration, with final action slated for the May meeting, are three distinct groupings of LRBP projects. The first grouping presents a range of deferred maintenance projects referencing existing infrastructure on all the MUS campuses. This priority list would be for consideration in the "state cash program" or a possible second round of federal stimulus funding. The second grouping presents a prioritization of proposed new construction projects and major renovation projects. Possible funding sources for such projects would include a "state bonded program" and possible federal stimulus funding. The third grouping includes Authority only projects. These projects would not require state funds and would normally be funded with grant funding or private gifts.

While we all recognize the challenging budgetary situation that lies ahead, it is important that you as a Board adopt a priority list of deferred maintenance projects and major construction projects. In the event that funding would become available to address the infrastructure needs of the MUS, your staff will have your guidance to help us in our work of directing funding to properly approved MUS priorities.