

September 18-19, 2013

ITEM 160-2003-R0913

Authorization to Renovate Renne Library for the Testing Center; Montana State University - Bozeman

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University to renovate portions of Renne Library on the Montana State University Bozeman Campus.

EXPLANATION

1. Originally constructed in 1949 and large addition constructed in 1961, the Renne Library accommodates the University's extensive book collection, computer labs, special collections along with other campus library services. MSU looks to renovate a portion of the building basement area to serve as a testing center to better accommodate the needs of students in support of the University mission.
 2. The programs and services provided to students and the university community by MSU's Testing Center contributes to student success and retention; however, the Testing Center's current space in Reid Hall does not meet current student needs, ADA accessibility requirements, and university demands. This renovation will create a new testing center in the Renne Library which will improve services, accessibility, and functionality.
 3. The Testing Center renovation will accommodate ADA testing services and meet standards and requirements necessary to provide computer based testing examinations for various university programs.
 4. MSU plans to upgrade a space within Renne Library to meet this need. Renovation will include architectural, mechanical, and electrical improvements, including new architectural finishes, lighting and electrical upgrades, HVAC improvements, data connectivity as well as furnishing necessary to accommodate the testing program.
 5. This project is estimated to cost a total of \$300,000. This project will be funded with a combination of Current Unrestricted Funds and Student Building Fee Funds (Student Building Fee Funds used for this project will be <\$200,000).
 6. MSU assures that no new or additional state funds will be requested for operations and maintenance of this existing facility as a result of this project.
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Board of Regents Policy - Physical Plant B Section 1003.7:

This authority request is for an amount greater than \$150,000, which requires the following additional information.

(a) Project Description: This authority request includes the following project elements:

The project scope of work will upgrade and renovate a portion of the records storage area of Renne Library. This includes but is not limited to wall and lighting improvements, space reconfiguration to accommodate twenty-one new testing stations, HVAC upgrades and controls, new partition systems, and furnishings.

(b) Cost Estimates and Funding Sources:

Estimated Cost: the project will not exceed \$300,000.

Construction:	\$ 195,000
Consultant Fees:	\$ 20,000
Owner's Expenses:	\$ 50,000
Furnishings	\$ 15,000
<u>Contingency:</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Total	\$ 300,000

Funding Sources: This project will be funded with a combination of Current Unrestricted Funds and Student Building Fee Funds (Student Building Fee Funds used for this project will be <\$200,000).

(c) Programs Served, Enrollment Data, Projected Enrollments:

(Enrollment data is not applicable to this authority request.)

(d) Space Utilization Data:

This renovation project renovates existing space within the facility and will not appreciably change the utilization of the existing spaces.

(e) Projected use for available residual space:

(Not Applicable to this request)

(f) Projected O&M Costs and proposed funding sources:

Historic O&M costs are not expected to be significantly impacted by this renovation project, since facilities will not be expanded.