

Attachment 1: Board of Regents Policy – 1003.7

This authority is for an amount greater than \$500,000, which requires the following additional information. This request is for the use of Federal funds and Indirect Costs (IDCs) funds to construct a new building on the Montana Technological University Campus.

(a) Project Description:

The project will construct a new rock specimen storage facility to house rock specimens collected by MBMG and other researchers from sites throughout Montana. The project will enable continuance and expansion of systematic collection, curation, and digital tracking of thousands of specimens. The project may also include enough space and resources to preserve specimens collected by other researchers in the Montana University System.

(b) Cost Estimate and Funding Sources:

Estimated Cost: \$550,000 for planning, design, and construction

Funding Sources: The project will be paid for using a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP) and \$350,000 MBMG IDCs funds.

(c) Program Served, Enrollment Data, Projected Enrollment:

As with all such specimens, materials housed in this storage facility will be available to MBMG, MUS, and non-MUS researchers.

(d) Space Utilization Data:

The new space gained by this project will open areas in the MBMG offices (Natural Resource Building [NRB]) and other storage areas now occupied by specimens; new space will provide better organization and access for researchers. The new facility may also house MBMG publications currently stored in the Montana Tech Museum Building.

(e) Projected Use for Existing Space Made Available:

Space gained by moving specimens from the NRB will be used for document storage as originally intended; space gained in the Mineral Museum building has not been designed.

(f) Projected Operations & Maintenance Costs and Funding Sources:

Operations will include utilities for electric and occasional heating; based on expenses for existing storage facilities, operation and maintenance will be minimal and paid by MBMG IDC funds