

**May 21, 2025**

**ITEM 218-1003-R0525**

**Request for Authorization to Construct an Addition to the Bio-Research Building; University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102-2 and in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana – Missoula to expend up to \$8,000,000 to construct a two-story vertical addition to the Bio-Research Building on the University of Montana, Missoula campus.

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**EXPLANATION**

- The BOR authorized the University of Missoula to expend up to \$600,000 to plan and design the Addition to Bio-Research Bld. in July 2023 (Item 207-1003-R0723). Two additional floors are designed to be added vertically – one for Skaggs Institute for Health Innovations (SIHI) and the other for the new Occupational Therapy (OT) program.
- Bids for this project were received on 4-16-2025 and Jackson Contracting was the apparent low bidder with a price of \$5,314,500. A twelve-month construction period is expected.
- \$8.0M in Authority only for Bio-Research is pending approval at the current 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative session.
- Construction work would not begin until the State Legislature and Governor approves the Long-Range Building Program (LRBP) and State A/E office delegates the project to UM. This is expected by end of summer of 2025.
- Construction is expected to be complete by start of Fall 2026 classes.
- Funding for this construction will come from a mixture of private grant funds and University funds.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Sheet A-1

Attachment #2: Item 207-1003-R0723

Attachment #3: Copy CD-74 Bio-Research \$8M authority from LRBP handbook