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PRESIDENT
Montana State University

Sheila M. Stearns
Commissioner of Higher Education
Montana University System
P O Box 203101
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Re: Construct New Chemistry/Biochemistry Research Laboratory Facility
Montana State University – Bozeman

Dear Commissioner Stearns:

I have reviewed your letter requesting my consent to expend \$24,500,000 of federal funds for construction at Montana State University, Bozeman. In accordance with 18-2-102(2)(c), MCA, I hereby consent to the construction of a new Chemistry/Biochemistry Research Laboratory Facility that will promote economic development in Montana by providing increased opportunities for research grants and contracts at MSU-Bozeman while at the same time providing students with hands-on laboratory research experience.

It is my understanding that the project has been authorized by the Board of Regents (Item 122-2005-R0304) and that it will be financed wholly with federal grant and contracts F & A revenues. It is also my understanding from the information you submitted that the construction project will not result in any new programs and that no additional state funds will be required for either operational or maintenance expenses.

Sincerely,


JUDY MARTZ
Governor

cc: Rod Sundsted, Associate Commissioner for Fiscal Affairs, OCHE
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