

Engineering Research Laboratory Upgrades Budget Increase Request

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President or his designee, to increase the project budget from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 to complete the renovation and upgrade of eight research laboratories in the Engineering Building. Funding for this \$1,500,000 increase will be provided from the Depreciation Reserve (\$600,000), the Research Facilities fund (\$600,000) and the Office of the Provost (\$300,000).

Background and Project Description

On June 27, 2014 the Board of Governors authorized funding to begin the process of renovating eight research laboratories in the Engineering Building. The expected scope of the project included the relocation of two Biomedical Engineering cleanroom laboratories from the third floor of the original building to the third floor of the EDC, in order to consolidate related EDC laboratories and facilitate research productivity. This portion of the project has been completed.

Subsequently, the vacated cleanroom laboratories, along with six others on the second and third floor of the original building, were to be renovated and upgraded. Although somewhat uncertain at the time, the scope of work in some of these labs was generally expected to include new fume hoods and exhaust systems, replacement casework, mechanical and electrical infrastructure upgrades, and fresh interior finishes. Others were expected to require cosmetic upgrades only. When the project was approved it was noted that the administration expected that additional funding would be needed to accomplish all desired improvements once the design scope was finalized and construction bids were received. Bids have recently been received and the administration now requests approval of this recommendation so the project can be completed.

All contracts for this project will be awarded in accordance with University policies and procedures, and with a focus on sustainability.