

September 19, 2007

ITEM 136-120-R0907

Research Agencies Equipment Funding

THAT:

The Board of Regents approves the list of research agency proposals recommended by the Commissioner of Higher Education for research equipment funding.

EXPLANATION:

The 2007 Montana Legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 of one-time-only (OTO) funding to address the need for research agencies in the Montana University System to acquire new equipment. The legislation directs the Commissioner's Office to distribute the funds through a competitive process, whereby priority is given to projects that include non-state matching funds.

Following the legislative session, the Commissioner's Office released an RFP eliciting proposals from the five research agencies: Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, MSU Extension Service, MSU Extension – Fire Service Training School, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, and Montana Forest and Conservation Experiment Station.

Funding recommendations were produced by the Commissioner of Higher Education.