

ITEM 149-2003-R1110

MSU – Renne Library Commons Renovation

THAT

Montana State University is proceeding with renovations to the Renne Library to create a Library Commons, under the auspices of MSU's General Spending Authority, authorized by the 60th legislature for Capital Improvements to the Campus Facilities.

EXPLANATION

1. MSU Libraries serves the entire MSU community with services in 2009 for 12,700 students, 1,040 faculty, and 2,000 staff. The Library Commons is located on the first floor of Renne Library and serves as a main central point of activity in the library facility.
 2. The Library will be funding the project primarily through Departmental budget savings accrued over the course of several years. These departmental funds will be supplemented with private donor funds.
 3. The Library Commons Renovation aims to improve the academic success of students by integrating services and spaces and increasing access to librarians and library staff. The project will assist retention and recruitment efforts by providing supportive, comfortable environment that facilitates peer interaction and student participation within the MSU community.
 4. The project will consist of an architectural renovation of the first floor of the Renne Library to create a Commons area. The project will provide improved technology-enabled workspaces, flexible furniture and group study areas. It will also reconfigure existing shelving within the library facility to enhance storage capacity, access, and maximize space utilization necessary to meet changing student research and study space needs.
 5. The work includes demolition, new flooring, architectural finishes, modifications to existing circulation routes, furniture, electrical, lighting, and telecommunication wiring. The project also includes upgrades to audio and video equipment as well as computer equipment.
 6. MSU assure that no new or additional state funds will be requested for operation and maintenance of this existing facility as a result of this project.
 7. This project will be completed under Montana State University's General Spending Authority, authorized by the 60th Legislature (HB004) for Capital Improvements to Campus Facilities. This project will be included on MSU's General Spending Authority TRACKER and reported to the Board of Regents as required under Regents policy 1003.7, Procedures 2(a) Legislative Authority.
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ATTACHMENTS

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Board of Regents Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7

This General Spending Authority (GSA) is for an amount greater than \$150,000.00, which requires the following additional information:

(a) **Project Description:**

This project will consist of an architectural renovation of the first floor of Renne Library, with the primary focus to provide technology-enabled workspaces, flexible furniture and group study areas to create a dynamic student learning commons. The project will include a new stair entry to the first floor mezzanine area for improved student access, the installation of new lighting and power outlets, in addition to new flooring and surface finishes, furnishings and movable partitions. The project will also re-address existing shelving arrangements to enable improved storage and maximize space utilization necessary to meet changing student research and study space needs.

(b) **Cost Estimate and Funding Sources:**

Estimated Cost: the project will not exceed \$500,000.

Construction:	\$350,000
Consultant Fees:	\$ 60,000
Owner's Expenses:	\$ 40,000
Contingency:	\$ 50,000

Funding Source: This project will be financed with a combination of both departmental operation funds as well as non-state private donor funding.

Departmental operation funds	\$400,000
Non-state private donor funds	\$100,000

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

The Library serves the entire MSU community with services in FY 2009 for 12,700 students, 1,040, faculty and 2,000 staff. The project will assist retention and recruitment efforts by providing supportive, comfortable environment that facilitates peer interaction and student participation within the MSU community

(Enrollment data is not applicable to this project)

(d) **Space Utilization Data:**

This renovation project modernizes existing space within the facility and will not appreciably change the utilization of the existing spaces.

(e) **Projected Use for Available Residual Space**

(Not applicable to this project)

(f) **Projected O&M Costs and Proposed Funding Sources:**

Historic O&M costs are not expected to be significantly impacted by this renovation project, since facilities will not be significantly expanded. Technology in the Library Commons will be installed and maintained by existing Library Systems staff. Equipment will be periodically replaced with a combination of funds from the student Computer Fee allocation to the Libraries and funding from the Jurkovich-Wilson Family Fund for the Library Commons.