

September 18 - 19, 2013

**ITEM 160-1502-R0913**

**Proposal to Lease a Building for the Bureau of Mines and Geology Located at the Montana State University –Billings Campus; Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

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**THAT**

In accordance with Board Policy 1003.6 (III)(B) – Transfers of Interest in Real Property , the Board of Regents authorizes Montana Tech to execute a one-year lease with Montana State University – Billings for a building located on the Billings campus.

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**EXPLANATION**

The above policy requires Board of Regent approval if (1) the lease exceeds five years in duration, or (2) the total lease amount exceeds \$25,000 per year. The Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) has been leasing space from the Montana State University – Billings campus since the mid-eighties. The MBMG was originally housed in a dorm and later moved to the current Poly Building in 1998.

The attached agreement is for the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 and includes a three (3) month notification to terminate clause. The total approval amount is for \$44,791.50, which includes office space (4093 sf @ \$10.50/sf), storage space (170 sf @ \$4.50/sf), and 14 parking spaces at \$75 each. These costs include custodial services, IT support, utilities and other building maintenance.

The lease agreement is in the best interest of the Montana Tech Bureau of Mines and Geology and the Board of Regents. The MBMG appreciates the willingness of Montana State University – Billings to rent them space and recognizes that the Billings campus has future plans for this location. Based on that knowledge, the MBMG is currently looking at other space to lease or purchase in the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Agreement