

September 15-16, 2021

ITEM 196-2025-R0921

Request for Authorization to Upgrade Instructional Spaces (General Classroom and Instructional Laboratories); Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with BOR Policy 1003.7 authorization for building projects, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to expend up to \$2.0 million to upgrade instructional spaces including campus classrooms and instructional laboratories.

EXPLANATION

1. Montana State University (MSU) received legislative authority-only during the 67th Legislative session under HB 5 in the amount \$2.0 million to upgrade instructional spaces across campus.
 2. To meet the educational needs of its students, MSU will make investments that modernize and improve its academic facilities. Modern teaching environments are critical to establishing opportunities to engage students, faculty, as well as promote recruitment and retention.
 3. Several instructional spaces require renovation and technology improvements, including new seating, floor and wall finishes, A/V and IT systems, electrical, plumbing and mechanical system updates, cabinetry, lab countertops, and miscellaneous systems to accommodate the evolving pedagogical methods in support of MSU's mission.
 4. The projects will modernize and enhance existing classroom and class laboratory spaces in various buildings throughout campus. The projects will continue for up to three years pending funding availability and bid pricing.
 5. This work will be paid using physical plant funds.
 6. No new or additional state funds will be requested for operations and maintenance of these existing facilities, as a result of this project.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Physical Plant B 1003.7