

May 17-18, 2023

ITEM 206-2007-R0523

Request for Authorization to Increase Project Authority to Construct Laboratory Space in Norm Asbjornson Hall; Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to increase its use of General Spending Authority by an additional \$300,000 to construct research laboratory space in Norm Asbjornson Hall.

EXPLANATION

1. MSU received \$750,000 of General Spending Authority from the Board of Regents for build out of research space in Norm Asbjornson Hall in March 2021 under ITEM 193-2002-R0321.
 2. Additional authority of \$300,000 is requested due to market cost escalation as demonstrated in bids received for the project on April 11, 2023 which exceeded design estimates by \$300,000.
 3. The project will construct research laboratory space in Norm Asbjornson Hall Rooms 360 and 324 to support optics and photonics research related to the Optical Technology Center.
 4. This work will be paid for using project plant funds from federal grant and private donation accounts.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)