

**November 16-17, 2023**

**ITEM 209-2007-R1123**

**Request for Authorization to Construct an Athletic Indoor Practice Facility; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to expend up to \$25,000,000 for the construction of an athletic indoor practice facility to support student athletes on the Bozeman campus.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. The athletic indoor practice facility project will provide access to year-round training for all student-athletes, improve student and staff safety, and streamline the continuity of operations for all MSU athletic programs by providing multi-use areas within the facility.
  2. Creation of an athletic indoor practice facility is consistent with the needs identified in the MSU Athletic Facilities Master Plan developed in 2017.
  3. Frigid and inclement weather, seasonal wildfire smoke, and limited existing indoor facilities create year-round challenges for providing safe and effective training space for student-athletes, thereby limiting practice sessions and creating schedule challenges that negatively impact academic and athletic performance for student-athletes.
  4. MSU received \$15,000,000 of legislative authority-only for construction of an indoor practice facility in House Bill 5 of the 68<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.
  5. MSU will request an authority-only budget amendment from State A&E of an additional \$10,000,000 to include an indoor track facility as part of the project.
  6. MSU and hired design professionals are actively completing initial planning, programming, and schematic design as authorized under BOR ITEM 203-2014-R1122.
  7. This work will be paid for using project plant funds from private donations (\$25 million).
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**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment #1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)
- Attachment #2: Indoor Practice Facility Site Plan