

November 21-22, 2024

**ITEM 215-2001-R1124**

**Request for Authorization to Design and Construct a Fire Alarm System Replacement for the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Consistent with MCA 20-25-302, maintenance provisions of MCA 18-2-102, and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to spend up to \$1,500,000 to replace the fire alarm system in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. The Brick Breeden Fieldhouse was constructed in 1956 and has served as a critical community event space for Montana. The facility has undergone multiple strategic improvements over the last 65+ years to address aging infrastructure.
  2. The existing fire alarm system at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse is at the end of its useful life.
  3. MSU has proactively completed maintenance and temporary fixes to the system over the last several years to extend the life of the system.
  4. Following evaluation and recommendation by an engineering firm, MSU has determined a need to replace the fire alarm system to ensure continuity of operations.
  5. The new fire alarm system will be designed and installed to meet current campus standards to ensure efficient in-house maintainability and minimize future operational costs.
  6. The new system will be fully compliant with current codes and will provide reliable life-safety infrastructure during daily operations and major events.
  7. The work will be paid for using physical plant funds from auxiliary revenue accounts.
  8. No additional operations and maintenance funding will be requested as a result of this project.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Physical Plant 1003.7