

FY 2015-16 Supplemental Capital Construction Request

Fort Lewis College

Berndt Hall Reconstruction — Geosciences, Physics and Engineering

Motion:

Approve the supplemental request from Fort Lewis College to expand the project scope of the Berndt Hall Reconstruction — Geosciences, Physics and Engineering project in order to purchase additional equipment for other Engineering Department locations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

2008-036

1. Which supplemental criterion does the request meet?

Additional legislative review and authorization is required in order to spend some of the remaining project funds on equipment that falls outside the scope of the approved project.

2. Which projects will be restricted to fund the supplemental request?

None. No additional state funds are being requested.

3. Has the request been approved by OSPB and CCHE?

PRIOR APPROPRIATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST INFORMATION

The appropriation to be amended was authorized in the following bill: SB 15-234

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Prior Appropriations</u>	<u>Supplemental Request</u>	<u>Future Requests</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
FML	\$1,961,546	\$0	\$0	\$1,961,546
CCF	\$29,121,100	\$0	\$0	\$29,121,100
CF	\$4,231,974	\$0	\$0	\$4,231,974
	\$35,314,620	\$0	\$0	\$35,314,620

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

The college does not anticipate spending the full amount of money it budgeted for the project and would like to use some of the remaining funds to design, procure, and install equipment at two other Engineering Department locations on campus: an area of Berndt Hall immediately adjacent to the new addition and a satellite engineering lab area located in the Physical Plant West building. The college indicates that there is excess funding available within the project budget as construction bids were lower than estimated. The estimated cost of the equipment is \$1 to \$2 million, depending on final design, the specific equipment to be procured, and potential infrastructure upgrades. The new addition is scheduled for occupancy in fall 2016, and the remaining project monies will be expended by the end of 2018.

The college's engineering program is growing faster than expected, and the college has allocated additional program space outside of the new addition of Berndt Hall. If this supplemental request is not approved, the college says it will need to look for other funding sources to meet the programmatic needs of the Engineering Department.

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SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The two-phase project demolishes a portion of Berndt Hall and constructs a new, larger facility in the same location for the Geosciences, Physics and Engineering Departments. The existing facilities do not comply with current building code requirements and do not satisfy the need for a modern academic science facility. The project constructs a modern, upgraded space that the college says will enable these programs to be comparable to those at similar institutions, which will help it to recruit and retain students and faculty. Phase I, appropriated in FY 2014-15, demolished a 16,500-GSF wing of Berndt Hall and began construction on the new, 60,838-GSF facility. Phase II, appropriated in FY 2015-16, completes the building and finishes site grading, pavement, landscaping, and irrigation.

QUESTIONS / OUTSTANDING ISSUES

All responses to staff questions were included in the project write-up.