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Office of the President
September 21, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

ELECTRONIC ACCESS RURAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT – PHASE I

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the development and installation of an electronic access rural demonstration project for the College of Law with \$1,989,500 of federal funds.

Background: The College of Law has been granted federal funds to develop and install electronic access sites in rural locations. The electronic access sites will provide remote access to the College of Law's virtual reference service and enhanced web site and will include dedicated interactive videoconferencing technology. The project also involves upgrades in the infrastructure and some renovations in the College of Law facilities on the main campus. The project will be completed in two phases. Phase I will establish two sites in rural courthouse locations and complete the necessary renovations and infrastructure modifications in the College of Law facilities. Phase II will add three additional sites, add information origination and destination nodes, and expand access to students and faculty users.

Funding for the project is available from federal sources (U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Technology Program Grant).

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____