

FCR 24

Office of the President
February 23, 2024

Members, Board of Trustees:

REPLACE PRINCETON ANCILLARY BUILDINGS EMERGENCY CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to the Replace Princeton Ancillary Buildings Emergency Capital Project.

Background: Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated scope of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

On December 10, 2021, the Princeton Research Farm (UKREC) received a direct hit from an EF-4 tornado with sustained winds of an estimated 190 miles per hour. The devastation included the destruction of most of the research facilities including several ancillary buildings and small houses used for visiting staff, a Farm Shop, and a Field Processing Building.

At the December 13, 2022, meeting the Board approved the initiation of the reconstruction of a 7,700 square foot Farm Shop, an 18,300 square foot Field Processing Building and a 4,700 square foot residence hall. Careful review and planning have continued with the goal of returning UKREC to full capacity while maximizing available Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds, insurance proceeds and other recovery funds. This amendment will increase the size of the planned residence hall to approximately 8,136 square feet to fully restore the housing capacity (14 beds) which is needed to support recruitment and accommodation of skilled students and scientists to conduct the critical research at UKREC. Additionally, the project will be amended to include construction of a greenhouse/headhouse facility to fully replace the greenhouse and headhouse structures lost to the disaster.

Pursuant to KRS §45.750(1)(g), this project qualifies as an Emergency Repair, Maintenance or Replacement Project as it is necessitated by damage resulting from a disaster. Contingent upon Board approval, the amended emergency capital project will be reported to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

These amendments, with an estimated scope of \$9,000,000, will bring the total scope of the replacement of the ancillary buildings emergency capital project to \$19,000,000 and is authorized by emergency authority. This emergency project will be funded with a combination funds from FEMA, insurance reimbursement and the West Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____



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