

ACTION ITEM #2

WSU Pullman, Visitor Center
(Roger Patterson, Mel Taylor & Olivia Yang)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Visitor Center

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents authorize the Visitor Center project to proceed to design and preconstruction, and delegate authority to the President or his designee to select contractor(s) as needed and enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the design and preconstruction for the project, through a design-build process, with costs not to exceed \$500,000.

SUBMITTED BY: Roger Patterson, Vice President for Business and Finance

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: The new Visitor Center will provide an expanded opportunity to showcase the university's assets to prospective students, parents, alumni, friends, and the greater WSU community.

As the "Front Door" to WSU the Center will serve as an information and interpretive center for all that goes on at the University and will feature WSU's teaching, research, athletics, student and faculty contributions in a multi-media setting. Functionally, the Center will provide "one stop shopping" for all visitors for parking permits, WSU products and gifts, and essential information. In addition, the new Center will provide readily accessible and welcoming space for meetings and social events.

Based on preliminary studies performed by WSU staff, which considered the Campus Master Plan and purpose of the Center, the proposed location for the Center is 630 E Main Street, which is on the corner of Main and Spring Streets. The setting is consistent with the Master Plan, and provides a formal and functional gateway to the campus. To further advance the concept and project, we are seeking authorization to proceed with a design build selection process, select a design build firm, engage the firm for the limited purpose of design and preconstruction. The source of funding for this project will be the general real estate fund, which includes proceeds from the recent sale of the Cougar Depot.

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Resolution #121005-442

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Washington State University by virtue of RCW 28B.10.528 has authority to delegate by resolution to the President of the University, or designee, powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the Board by law and to enable the President, or designee to act on behalf of the Board of Regents in matters relating to the administration and governance of the University.

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DATED this 5th day of October, 2012.

Chair, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents