

ACTION ITEM #6

WSU Prosser, Viticulture Building Addition, Design and Construction (Patterson/Yang)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Prosser, Viticulture Building Addition,
Design and Construction

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve the Viticulture Building Addition project with a total budget not to exceed \$2,792,000, and authorize the project to proceed to design and construction, using the Design-Build (DB) process pursuant to RCW 39.10 and further delegate authority to the President or his designee to select a Design-Build contractor and enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project, within the budgeted amount.

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: The University is requesting approval to construct an addition to the Viticulture Building at the Irrigated Agricultural Research and Extension Center (IAREC) in Prosser (**Attachment A**).

The main facility, built in March 2006, was occupied as soon as it was built and the need for additional space became readily apparent. Programs at the IAREC have grown tremendously and without additional modern space, programs such as viticulture, plant pathology, tree fruit breeding and physiology, and fruit quality assessment as well as the Center for Precision & Automated Agricultural Systems (CPAAS) and AgWeatherNet Centers cannot reach their full capacity to meet the demands of affiliated commodity organizations and their grower and processing industry members.

The original multi-purpose, state-funded facility was planned for expansion, and the design effort included drawings to construct at a minimum, a 5,000 square foot addition. The original intent was to house the viticulture hardiness program and the enology program. As the enology program will now be housed in the new Wine Science Center at WSU Tri-Cities, the scope of this building has been changed

to include the fruit tree hardiness and crop protection programs, the viticulture crop protection program, the administrative offices of the Washington State AgWeatherNet (AWN) which coordinates a complex system of over 130 weather stations, as well as its supporting research programs. These reporting stations provide data to growers that allow them to make critical crop management decisions to better manage and protect their crops from weather related events.

Many of these graduate students, post-docs, senior researchers and technicians associated with these programs are working in buildings away from their research faculty advisor or supervisor and are in crowded areas designed for other purposes. Coordination of activities becomes more challenging and inefficient, leading to less productivity. This situation will be greatly improved with the construction of this building.

Schedule:

Seek Regents Approval of Project Budget	Nov 2013
Begin Design	Nov 2013
Begin Construction	April 2014
Complete Construction	Sept 2014

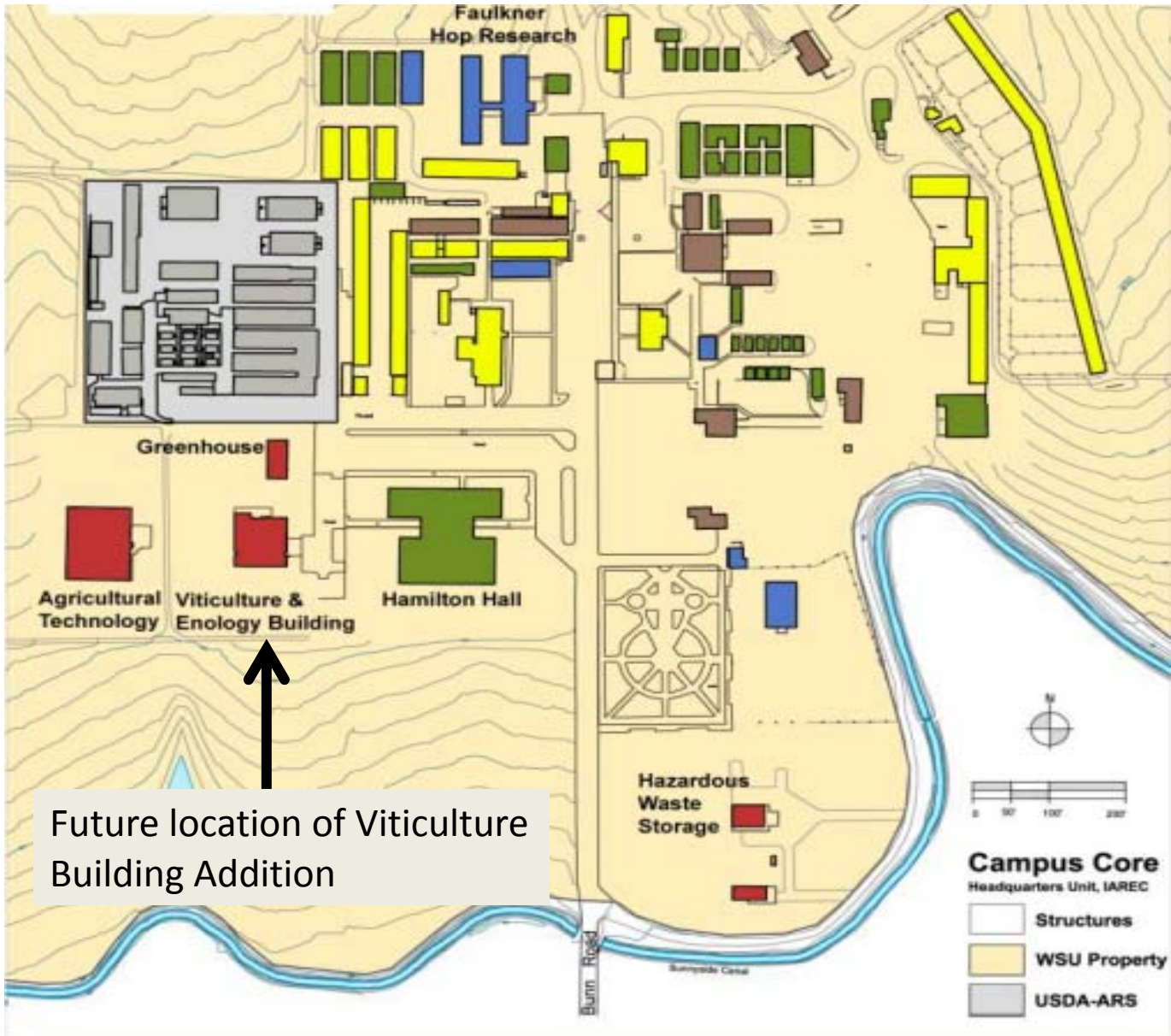
Project Budget:

Construction (includes contingency and sales tax)	\$1,567,501
Professional Services	359,153
Furnishings and Moveable Equipment	416,681
Project Management	411,350
Artwork	6,591
Other	<u>30,724</u>
Total Project Budget	<u>\$2,792,000</u>

Source of Funds:

2013-2015 State Funds (Note 1)	<u>\$2,792,000</u>
Total Source of Funds	<u>\$2,792,000</u>

Note 1– Appropriated from WSU’s building fee and trust land revenue account.



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Resolution #131122-470

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.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents approve the Viticulture Building Addition project with a total budget not to exceed \$2,792,000, and authorize the project to proceed to design and construction, using the Design-Build (DB) process pursuant to RCW 39.10 and further delegate authority to the President or his designee to select a Design-Build contractor and enter into any and all contracts necessary to complete the project, within the budgeted amount.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 2013.

Chair, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents