

**COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Friday, August 14, 2009

**DECISION ITEM B-4: Herrick Laboratory Replacement Phase I on the Purdue University West Lafayette Campus**

**Staff Recommendation**

That the Commission for Higher Education recommend approval to the State Budget Agency and the State Budget Committee of the project *Herrick Laboratory Replacement Phase I on the Purdue University West Lafayette Campus*, as described in the project description and staff analysis dated August 14, 2009.

**Background**

By statute, each repair and rehabilitation project must be reviewed by the Commission for Higher Education and approved by the Governor, on recommendation of the Budget Agency, if the cost of the project exceeds seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) and if any part of the cost of the project is paid by state appropriated funds or by mandatory student fees assessed all students. Such review is required if no part of the project is paid by state appropriated funds or by mandatory student fees and the project cost exceeds one million dollars (\$1,000,000). A project that has been approved or authorized by the General Assembly is not subject to review by the Commission for Higher Education. However, the Commission for Higher Education shall review a project approved or authorized by the General Assembly if the review is requested by the Budget Agency or the Budget Committee. This project was not authorized by the General Assembly.

Purdue University requests authorization to proceed with the renovation of Herrick Laboratory on the West Lafayette campus. This project will complete the first two phases and a planned three-phase renovation project, including the construction of the Living Laboratory office building, Performance Based Engineering Laboratory, engine test cells for the testing of alternate fuels and power generation, as well as electromechanical and thermal systems laboratories with flexible floor plans. The total cost of the project is approximately \$23,500,000. Funding for the project comes from federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds (\$12,685,353) and gift funds (\$10,814,647).

**Supporting Document**

*Herrick Laboratory Replacement Phase I on the Purdue University West Lafayette Campus*, to be distributed.