FY 2019-20 Supplemental Capital Construction Request

Metropolitan State University of Denver
Aerospace Engineering Sciences Building

Motion: Approve the supplemental request from Metropolitan State University of Denver to extend cash funds spending authority for the Aerospace Engineering Sciences Building project ($6,451,420.20 CF).

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Which supplemental criterion does the request meet?
   Unforeseen Contingency
   Capital construction projects listed in an annual appropriations bill are permitted to expend funds for three years. Spending authority for this project expired on June 30, 2019. The university is requesting a time extension to secure and spend an additional $8.5 million in cash funds to complete certain aspects of the project, explaining that it did not meet initial fund-raising goals but expects to raise the funds to complete the project.

2. Which projects will be restricted to fund the supplemental request?
   None. The supplemental request is nonmonetary and no additional state funds are being requested.

3. Has the request been approved by OSPB and CCHE?
   Yes

PRIOR APPROPRIATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST INFORMATION

The appropriation to be amended was authorized in the following bill: HB 16-1405

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REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

Approval of the supplemental request would extend cash funds spending authority to complete the project; new funds are not being sought under the request. State funds were appropriated for the project in FY 2014-15 and 2015-16, and cash funds spending authority was granted for FY 2015-16 and 2016-17. The university says it expected to generate $20.0 million for the project through donations, but only raised $2.0 million, explaining that a leadership transition during project construction resulted in the departure of the university's lead fund-raiser. Additional cash spending was covered through institutional bonds, but completion of the project requires the university to secure another $6.5 million. With fund-raising leadership now stabilized, the university anticipates covering the additional spending through a combination of giving and institutional funding. These funds will be used to enhance the building's security features, complete finishes on the fourth floor, build storage, and complete a mock cyber-attack lab.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The three-phase project constructs a 118,000-GSF interdisciplinary learning facility to bring together programming in aerospace science, aviation, industrial design, physics, computer science, and engineering technology. It will also

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Support the development of a new department: advanced manufacturing, which will allow for the development of the advanced manufacturing degree program, with an emphasis on aviation and aerospace. The new program was developed through a collaborative process involving facility staff and the deans of various departments. This group has met with industry stakeholders to develop a curriculum for the new program and to discuss potential public-private partnerships. It has also visited similar facilities in order to better understand industry expectations for graduates of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs. The university explains that the facility will allow it to foster collaborative research and create deeper ties with industry.

QUESTIONS / OUTSTANDING ISSUES

None.