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Dear State Agency Head:

This document outlines the policies, procedures, and guidelines to assist your agency in preparing its Capital Budget requests for the 2017-2019 biennium. Copies of this document have been made available to Capital Budget personnel in your agency in an electronic format.

In developing the 2017-2019 Capital Budget requests, agencies should emphasize fiscally responsible budgeting and planning, and develop requests that support the Governor's priorities. Through this approach we will strive to maximize the use of existing space, preserve the state's significant investment we've made in our current infrastructure, and reduce operational costs.

Given the Governor's goal to maintain an appropriate level of debt service as a percentage of statewide expenditures, and budget pressures, there will not be enough new borrowing to fund every project requested. The majority of available resources will likely be allocated to fund the repair and maintenance of existing facilities, high priority projects approved for planning in previous biennia, or identified in previous agency long-range plans that align with the Governor's priorities.

As part of its Capital Budget submission, agencies can request that projects be approved for planning rather than enumeration. This is often an appropriate course of action when the need for additional or altered space is evident, but the program requirements are not yet fully defined. Projects are more likely to be approved for planning if the requesting agency is able to contribute funding. Please keep in mind that under this scenario, agency funds would be reimbursed once the SBC approves the project for authority to construct.

As you know, development of the state budget is a lengthy process. We will strive to keep you informed of priorities and changes in the fiscal landscape so that your Capital Budget requests are consistent with these goals and constraints.

The Department of Administration's Division of Facilities Development (DFD) is available to assist in the preparation of your Capital Budget requests, including scheduling individual meetings with your staff. Please direct any specific inquiries to your assigned DFD Capital Budget analyst.

Thank you for your assistance with this important undertaking. I look forward to working with you on the development and implementation of the 2017-2019 Capital Budget.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Neitzel, Secretary
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I. Capital Budget Overview

The Capital Budget, also known as the State Building Program, includes the construction of new buildings; the remodeling, reconstruction, maintenance, and re-equipping of existing facilities; and the acquisition of necessary lands and equipment for all state agencies and the University of Wisconsin System. The State Building Commission (SBC) develops recommendations for the long-range public building program on a biennial basis. To develop these recommendations, the SBC reviews requests submitted by state agencies and recommendations developed by the Governor.

Agency materials including Six-Year Facilities Investment Plans and Capital Budget requests are submitted to Division of Facilities Development (DFD) staff in the summer and fall of the even-numbered years. Staff compile and review the recommendations and a summary of requests received is published in the late fall/early winter of the even-numbered year. Then, the Governor and DOA Secretary review the agency requests and develop the Governor’s Capital Budget Recommendations. This document is typically published in January or February of the odd-numbered year. Next, the SBC meets in March of the odd-numbered year to approve or modify the Governor’s Capital Budget Recommendations. Then, the SBC’s Capital Budget Recommendations are submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance on Finance by the first Tuesday of the odd-numbered year. The Finance Committee reviews and considers the SBC Capital Budget Recommendations during its deliberation on the biennial state budget bill. Subsequent to the Finance Committee action on the Capital Budget, the building program is incorporated into the Finance Committee’s version of the budget bill. Then, the full Legislature takes up the biennial budget bill (including the capital budget). The capital budget is subject to the Governor’s veto authority in whole or in part. After the budget bill is signed into law, usually by July 1 of the odd-numbered year, the SBC and DFD are responsible for implementing the authorized State Building Program.

II. Capital Budget Timeline

The following schedule establishes submission information and deadlines for Six-Year Facilities Investment Plans and Capital Budget requests. It also includes the timetable for reviews by the DFD, the Building Commission, and the Joint Committee on Finance.

- **Six-Year Facilities Investment Plans (2017-2023) due to DFD: July 29, 2016**
  
  See Appendix A p. 8; include projects exempt under 13.48(10)(c).

- **Capital Budget Requests due to DFD: September 16, 2016**

  See Appendix B p. 10

- **Agency Requests Summary Document: November/December 2016**
  
  A summary of the 2017-2019 Capital Budget requests submitted by each agency is published and distributed.

- **Governor’s Capital Budget Recommendations: January/February 2017**
  
  A summary of the Governor’s 2017-2019 Capital Budget Recommendations is published and distributed.
- **State Building Commission Action: March 2017**
  The SBC reviews the Governor’s recommendations and takes official action to develop its recommendations for the full Legislature.

- **State Building Commission Recommendations Submitted to Legislature: April 4, 2017**
  Per Wis. Stat. s. 13.48 (7), the Building Commission’s 2017-2019 Capital Budget Recommendations are submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance.

- **Joint Committee on Finance/Legislative Action: May-June 2017**
  The Joint Committee on Finance reviews and can modify the Capital Budget recommended by the SBC. Then, the Finance version of the Capital Budget gets rolled into the state operating budget for action by the full legislature and potential enactment by the Governor prior to July 1, 2017.

### III. Capital Budget Submittals

Each agency is required to submit to DFD a **Six-Year Facilities Investment Plan for 2017-2023** and **Capital Budget Project Requests for 2017-2019**.

a. **Six-Year Facilities Investment Plan (2017-2023): Due July 29, 2016**
   Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s.13.48 (6) and s.16.84 (6), agencies are required to submit long range facility and space plans. If there is more than one program within an agency, the plans and associated materials should be organized by program.

   The purpose of the plan is to ensure that facilities are aligned with the long-range programmatic requirements of the agency. A well-developed and strategic plan will assist agencies to define and prioritize their capital budget requests.

   Agencies are required to submit three paper copies and one electronic copy of their Six-Year Facilities Investment Plans (2017-2023) to DFD by July 29, 2016.


b. **2017-2019 Capital Budget Project Requests: Due September 12, 2016**
   Projects requested for funding in the Capital Budget are classified as either 1) Enumerated; 2) All-Agency; or 3) Small Project. Each request classification has different and specific submittal requirements.

   1) **Enumerated Projects**
      Per Wis. Stat. s. 20.924(1) (a), **projects costing in excess of $760,000, regardless of funding source, must be enumerated in the authorized state building program**. These enumerated projects are identified in non-statutory language included in the biennial budget bill.
      Enumerated projects should address the most critical needs of the agency or institution and typically construct new space, do major remodeling/renovation, or expand the capacity of utility systems. When an enumerated project requires related infrastructure improvements, all costs of necessary improvements shall be included as part of the project budget.

      **Every enumerated project requires a detailed program statement.** A well-written program statement describes the functions/activities that are planned for the facility, who will perform the activities, and when the activities will occur. For assistance in writing a program statement, please contact your assigned DFD Capital Budget analyst.
2) **All-Agency Projects**

The All-Agency Program was established to provide funding for the maintenance, repair, and renovation of state facilities and related infrastructure. All-Agency projects help extend the useful life of buildings, correct code deficiencies, improve safety and reliability, and can decrease operating costs. The funding authorizations for the specific categories of work serve as the enumerations for projects in these categories:

- Facility Maintenance and Repair;
- Utility Repair and Renovation;
- Health, Safety, and Environmental Protection;
- Preventive Maintenance;
- Programmatic Remodeling and Renovation;
- Land and Property Acquisition;
- Capital Equipment Acquisition; and
- Energy Conservation

The amount of funding released for a particular project depends upon priority of the work, type of work, and funding availability. **All-Agency project funding is not intended to replace operating budget funds**, but to maintain and protect the state's investment in its existing infrastructure. State funding will be provided only for those facilities whose construction or acquisition has been approved by the State Building Commission.

All-Agency Project Requests (AAPR) submitted by agencies must provide enough information to formulate an appropriate funding amount for each All-Agency category. AAPRs are not to be viewed as the final documentation for eventual approval. DFD will require more detailed programming, budget, and schedule verification prior to all-agency projects being submitted to the SBC for authority to construct. For assistance in writing AAPRs, please contact your assigned DFD Capital Budget analyst.

**Determining All-Agency vs. Enumerated Project**

Under very specific circumstances, projects with budgets in excess of $760,000 can be recommended as All-Agency projects rather than enumerated projects. The following enumeration guidelines were developed to assist agencies in determining whether a renovation/remodeling project requires enumeration or if it is eligible for All-Agency program funding. If you have any questions about this, please contact your assigned DFD Capital Budget analyst.

Renovation or remodeling projects **require enumeration when any of the following apply:**

- The project constructs new space and total project cost exceeds $760,000
- The project is a facility renovation or replaces/upgrades building systems and any of the following apply:
  - The project adds more than 500 GSF
  - The project cost exceeds $3,000,000
  - Projected operational costs for the renovated space are significantly higher than the existing use and configuration.
- A utility repair or renovation project that adds significant capacity or is a major expansion of an existing utility system.

3) **Small Project Program (Projects with a total budget of $185,000 or less)**

Projects with a total budget of $185,000 or less may be requested under the Small Project Program. Small Project Program funding is included in the All-Agency block enumeration. Please contact your assigned DFD Capital Budget analyst with questions about the Small Project Program.
Agencies are required to submit three paper copies and one electronic copy of their 2017-2019 Capital Budget Requests to DFD by September 16, 2016.


IV. **Other Information**

a. **Sustainable Facilities**
   The Building Commission Sustainable Facilities Policy and Division of Facilities Development Sustainable Facilities Standards prescribe the minimum sustainable standards for state construction projects. All projects should comply with these standards to the extent that they are applicable to the project. Please visit the DFD Sustainability webpage for more information. [http://www.doa.wi.gov/Default.aspx?Page=c8781af1-a861-4196-89c7-4a56c7bce306](http://www.doa.wi.gov/Default.aspx?Page=c8781af1-a861-4196-89c7-4a56c7bce306)

b. **Capital Budget Cost Estimating Guidelines**
   The Capital Budget Cost Estimating Guidelines manual is a separate document that is distributed to provide additional supporting information related to formulating capital budget requests.
Two of the SBC’s primary responsibilities are to maintain and protect the value of the state's facilities and to respond to concerns related to health, safety, and the environment. These priorities will require a major commitment of new bond funds in 2017-2019 which leaves limited resources available for new buildings or expansion of programs.

High priority enumerated projects included in Six-Year Facilities Investment Plans and All-Agency funding for the repair and maintenance of existing facilities will likely consume the vast majority of available new General Fund Supported Borrowing (GFSB).

I. **GFSB Policy Requirements**

a. **Projects Constructing New Space**
   This biennium, new space is a low priority for projects seeking GFSB. Those projects that request GFSB to add space will be considered in the context of the following:
   - The project was identified in the 2015-2021 Six-Year Facilities Investment Plan as a GFSB funded project to be constructed in 2017-2019
   - The project will correct/address an identified health/life safety issue
   - The project complies with a court order or other legal requirement
   - The consolidation of services would substantially increase operational efficiencies
   - The construction of new space would reduce overall state expenditures
   - The replacement of an obsolete facility is essential
   - The project will support the growth of Wisconsin’s economy

b. **Renovation/Remodeling Projects**
   This biennium, GFSB remodeling/renovation projects that result in more efficient utilization of existing space or return vacant space to active use will be considered a higher priority than new construction projects, assuming the former option is more economical.

c. **Project Prioritization**
   Capital budget recommendation decisions will have to balance the competing demands for state GFSB which underscores the importance of prioritizing all requests. In prioritizing capital projects, please refer to the criteria on p. 10.

II. **Building Program Funding Options**

a. **Preference for Cash Funding**
   The SBC has consistently indicated its desire to cash fund feasibility studies, advance planning, small repair and maintenance projects, hazardous materials removal, demolition projects, and small projects not considered long-term improvements. In addition, the SBC prefers that agencies maximize the use of gift and grant funds including funds from federal, state, or local grants, or from private contributions, gifts, or bequests.

b. **Various Bond Fund Sources**
   A variety of bond fund sources are available for agencies to draw upon to finance capital improvement projects. When formulating specific projects or when requesting funds for a type of capital improvement, the appropriate funding source(s) should be identified in your agency requests. Please note: the use of existing bonding authority must be coordinated with your assigned DFD Capital Budget analyst prior to submission of your requests. Available bond fund sources include:
- **General Fund Supported Borrowing (GFSB):** Includes new and existing GFSB. Debt service payments on the bonds are paid for with general purpose revenue (GPR).

- **Program Revenue Supported Borrowing (PRSB):** Includes new and existing PRSB. Debt service payments on the bonds are paid for with agency program revenue. Please note: for UW-System (UWS) projects funded with student fees, the project requests must be submitted with documentation of the student involvement in the decisions to obligate the student fees for the additional payment of debt service to support the proposed project.

- **Segregated Fund Supported Borrowing (SEGB):** Debt service payments on the bonds are paid for with money from the environmental and conservation segregated funds.

- **Segregated Fund Revenue Supported Borrowing (SEGRB):** Debt service payments on the bonds are paid for with money from the transportation fund.

Please note: If a project is to be self-amortized, the ability to finance the project must be substantiated. Program revenue or segregated revenue projects should clearly indicate whether they will be funded from cash or borrowing, or a specific split of cash and borrowing.
Each agency is required to submit a Six-Year Facilities Investment Plan spanning 2017-2023. The purpose of this plan is to ensure that an agency’s facilities are aligned with their long-range programmatic requirements. Where applicable, your Six-Year Facilities Investment Plan should mirror your most recent Master Plan. If there is more than one program within an agency’s purview, the Six-Year Facilities Investment Plan needs to account for all programs and be organized and presented as such. Each program evaluated in your Six-Year Facilities Investment Plan should contain: 1) a mission statement; 2) a program direction statement; 3) an evaluation of current uses of state-owned and leased space; 4) a description of potential alternatives to the current uses discussed in item 3; 5) a list and a brief description of each proposed project for the 2017-2019 Capital Budget, the 2019-2021 Capital Budget, and the 2021-2023 Capital Budget; and 6) an Excel spread sheet of all projects discussed in item 5.

The following is an in-depth description of these six components:

I. Mission Statement

Please prepare a concise statement describing the current mission of each program within your agency.

II. Program Direction Statement

Please prepare a concise statement for each program in your agency identifying any anticipated changes to the program(s) that could influence the facilities requirements of your agency. In preparing this statement, please consider the following potential changes:

- **Major Policy Issues or Initiatives**
  Please describe how any major identified or pending policy issues or initiatives will impact the facilities needed for each program within your agency.

- **Population or Enrollment Changes**
  Please identify any changes or trends in population or enrollments affecting each program.

- **Agency Funding Capacity**
  If you are requesting projects funded with PRSB, SEGB, or SEGRB, please provide information substantiating your agency’s ability to support the additional debt service payments.

- **Other Factors**
  Please identify any other significant factors affecting your agency’s long-term space needs.

III. Current Uses of State-Owned and Leased Space

Please prepare a high-level description of the current state-owned and leased facilities utilized to support your program(s). Please also prepare a high-level evaluation of whether or not the state-owned and leased spaces meet your current and future needs based on information provided in your program direction statements. If there are spaces that do not meet your current or future needs, please denote this in your description and evaluation.
IV. **Potential Alternatives to Current Uses**

If you identified facilities in your current uses evaluation that do not meet your current or future space needs, please present and evaluate potential alternatives for meeting the program’s facility needs. Alternatives include: renovation, remodeling, additions to existing facilities, leasing, utilizing available space at another institution or campus, the purchase of an existing building, or new construction. The analysis and discussion should include a recommended alternative and provide an explanation of the basis for the recommendation and for the rejection of the other alternatives.

V. **Brief Description of Proposed Projects Over Next Three Biennia**

Please prepare a list and a brief description of each proposed project for the 2017-2019 Capital Budget, the 2019-2021 Capital Budget, and the 2021-2023 Capital Budget.

The description should include total project cost, an explanation of need, and what the project would accomplish. This material should **not** duplicate the more detailed descriptions contained in your 2017-2019 Capital Budget requests.

VI. **Excel spreadsheet of Proposed Projects**

Please submit an Excel spreadsheet listing all projects described in item 5. The list should be sorted by biennia and include:

a. Location
b. Project title
c. Total project budget broken out by funding source
Projects requested for funding in the Capital Budget are classified as either 1) Enumerated; 2) All-Agency; or 3) Small Project. Each request classification has different and specific submittal requirements. Please make sure all of the information below is included in your agency requests.

I. Submittal Requirements for Enumerated Project Requests

   a. **Project Requests**
      The purpose of a Project Request is to succinctly explain the project. The request should provide descriptive information about the project and should focus on why a project is needed and the other alternatives considered. Please keep in mind that your audience includes DFD staff, the DOA Secretary and Governor’s office, and the SBC. The Project Request should be easily understood and it should not require reference to other documents. Project Requests should be no more than four pages long. Please refer to the 2015-2017 Capital Budget Recommendations document (the “orange book”) as a template for putting together your project requests.

      The following is a description of the format and information required for each Project Request:

      1) **Title:** Clearly identify the project title. Please use clear, concise, accurate, and consistent titles. Please put the title in a header so it will print at the top of each page.

      2) **Agency:** Please list the agency name.

      3) **Institution/Building/Campus/Park:** Please list the name of the institution/building/campus/state park where project work will occur.

      4) **Location:** Please identify the city and/or county where project work will occur. If the project spans multiple cities and/or counties, please list them all.

      5) **Project Priority:** Indicate the project’s agency priority ranking as compared to your other requests. In determining your priority order, please consider assigning a higher priority ranking to projects that do any of the following:

         - address health/life-safety issues or regulatory mandates;
         - advance a statewide priority or initiative including economic development, job creation, the efficient use of state resources, etc.;
         - include funding from non-state resources;
         - are consistent with the agency’s long-range plans; and
         - contribute to improved public services

      **Please note:** Projects requested for planning in 2017-2019 for construction to occur in 2019-2021 are assumed to be a lower priority than all projects requested for construction in 2017-2019, unless the project requested for planning is given a priority number on the 2017-2019 list.

      6) **Total estimated project cost broken out by fund source**

      7) **Project Request Statement:** Please provide a brief project request statement using the following format:

         The (agency name) requests enumeration of (total project cost broken down by fund source) to (construct/renovate/purchase/design) a (what the project will do—GSF, purpose, etc.) at (institution/building/campus/park).
8) **Project Description Section:** Please describe the project scope in detail. This section should identify the type of project (new construction, renovation, remodeling, repair, demolition, acquisition) and define the extent of work proposed including square footage. Where applicable, please also identify various components involved such as building systems, utility extensions, land acquisition, parking, site development, etc.

9) **Project Justification:** This section is critical to the evaluation and potential recommendation of the project. Please provide accurate justification for the project. The justification should convey or demonstrate a pressing need for the project rather than a general desire for it. Please clearly state the purpose of the project and explain in specific detail why it is necessary. A thorough project justification will give specific reasons why the project is needed (including programmatic details driving the request), why the current space is no longer functional, what specific health, life safety, or regulatory issues, codes, or policies are causing the need for the work, and detrimental effects that would result if the project is deferred. This section should also provide insight into alternatives explored and why the project being requested is the preferred solution.

Please note: In developing the description and justification sections of your request, please remember that these are separate and distinct sections. The description section should focus on what the project will do and the justification section should focus on why the project is necessary.

10) **Proposed Project Schedule:** All enumerated project requests must include a proposed project schedule that includes the following milestone dates (month and year): A/E Selection; Design Report; Bid Date; Start Construction; Substantial Completion; and Final Completion. In formulating this proposed schedule, please refer to the scheduling instructions included in the Cost Estimating Guidelines. If you foresee any special circumstances impacting the proposed schedule, please identify them in this section.

11) **Estimated Project Budget:** All enumerated project requests must include an estimated project budget broken down by the following line items: Construction, Design, DFD fee, Contingency, Equipment, Other fees, and Total. In formulating this estimated budget, please refer to the Cost Estimating Guidelines. Where applicable, a budget estimate developed as part of a study or other pre-design activities may be used in this section. **All project budget amounts should be rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.**

12) **Operating Budget Impact:** All enumerated project requests must include an analysis of how the proposed project will impact the agency’s operating budget. This analysis should include: an estimate of the building’s energy usage, increases or decreases in staff, changes in maintenance costs, and any other costs (such as vehicles, furnishings, telecommunications). Please address how these costs would be funded – by an internal reallocation (in which case the source needs to be identified) or a related operating budget increase request. If funding is requested in the operating budget, please include a copy of the Decision Item Narrative (DIN) with the number or title of the corresponding budget request. A general statement that operating costs will be addressed in a future biennium is not sufficient.

Please note: If a project is to be self-amortized, the ability to finance the project must be substantiated in this section.
b. **Program Statements**

Every enumerated project requires a detailed program statement. A well-written program statement describes the functions/activities that are planned for the facility, who will perform the activities, and when the activities will occur. For assistance in writing a program statement, please contact your assigned DFD Capital Budget analyst.

c. **List of Enumerated Project Requests**

As part of its 2017-2019 Capital Budget submittals, each agency must submit a compiled and prioritized list of enumerated project requests. This list should include project titles and a total project budget estimate with funding sources noted.

II. **Submittal Requirements for All-Agency Project Requests**

All-Agency project requests should include work that is beyond the scope of the agency’s normal maintenance activities. **All-Agency funds cannot be used to hire contract labor to perform routine or deferred maintenance work such as grounds keeping, minor plumbing, HVAC or electrical repairs, janitorial work, etc.** Ongoing maintenance must be funded from the operating budget.

a. **All-Agency Project Request (AAPR) Form**

An AAPR form must be submitted for every requested All-Agency project. Please contact your assigned DFD Capital Budget analyst for assistance in filling out the AAPR forms.

b. **Excel Spreadsheet listing every All-Agency Project Requested**

Please submit an Excel spreadsheet that includes the title, location, and total project budget broken down by funding source of every All-Agency project requested. This list should be complete and must be sorted by the following eight All-Agency categories:

1) **Facility Maintenance and Repair:** The types of projects in this category include the maintenance and repair of building envelopes such as roofs, walls, and windows; repair of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems; repair of interior finishes, sub-systems and components; and projects addressing functional improvements, code compliance, removal of architectural barriers, and other known deficiencies.

2) **Utility Repair and Renovation:** This category includes the ongoing repair and renovation of state-owned utility distribution systems, heating plants, roads, and other supporting infrastructure. Please note: due to potential asset disposition, only critical, “must-do” heating plant projects addressing life safety and reliability issues should be submitted in 2017-2019 AAPRs.

3) **Health, Safety, and Environmental Protection:** This category is used to bring state facilities into compliance with current federal and state health, safety, and environmental protection standards and includes projects such as: asbestos and lead abatement; removal of underground tanks; storm water management; and fire alarm systems and fire safety improvements.

4) **Preventive Maintenance:** This category funds statewide preventive maintenance activities and initiatives that extend the useful life of equipment and systems by performing systematic maintenance in accordance with standards prescribed by the manufacturer or supplier.

5) **Programmatic Remodeling and Renovation:** This category includes minor remodeling or interior refurbishing work that is not primarily facility maintenance or repair. It also includes projects that reconfigure space or provide new space under the $760,000 enumeration threshold.
6) **Land and Property Acquisition:** These funds are used to purchase land and property related to capital projects.

7) **Capital Equipment Acquisition:** This category includes the purchase of individual moveable and special equipment not specifically included in an enumerated project. Past purchased equipment includes lab equipment, computers, finishes, and digital radio equipment. Please contact your assigned DFD Capital Budget analyst and the [A/E Consultant Policy and Procedure Manual](#) for more information about capital equipment.

8) **Energy Conservation:** This category is used for energy conservation projects that help state agencies and UWS meet their energy reduction goals and reduce utility costs. The achieved savings from the reduction in utility costs is used to pay the debt service payments on the bonds.