Office of the President
February 21, 2012

Members, Board of Trustees:

**AUTHORIZATION OF EXPANSION OF LEASE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Recommendation: that the Vice President for Financial Operations and Treasurer be authorized to negotiate and execute a lease between the University of Kentucky (Information Technology) and Windstream Communications, 130 West New Circle Road, Lexington, Kentucky for space located at 150 North Martin Luther King, Lexington, Kentucky.

Background: At its October 10, 2006 meeting, the Board of Trustees amended Governing Regulation II.A.6(g), requiring that all leases in excess of $200,000 be approved by the Board of Trustees. The President or his designated representative is authorized to enter into leases and easements not exceeding $200,000 in value.

Kentucky Revised Statute §48.111 requires legislative authorization of all leases with an annual cost of $200,000 or more. This lease is authorized in the enacted 2010-12 Executive Budget.

The University currently has a lease with Windstream for 250 square feet of floor space, which includes power circuits and fiber distribution. The lease was competitively bid. However, due to increased demand for UK HealthCare’s Information Systems, the need exists for additional floor space. This action will expand the lease to include 2,000 square feet of data center floor space to accommodate an additional 15 kilowatts of power per rack that is necessary to accommodate UK HealthCare’s stabilization of Information Systems. The lease will be effective March 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017 at an annual rate of $300,000 which will be funded from clinical revenues.

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**Action taken:**  ✔  Approved  □  Disapproved  □  Other  ______________________