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Office of the President
May 14, 2013

Members, Board of Trustees:

REPAIR/UPGRADE/EXPAND CENTRAL PLANTS
(REPLACE COOLING TOWER AT MEDICAL CENTER COOLING PLANT)

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve an increase in scope for the Repair/Upgrade/Expand Central Plants (Replace Cooling Tower at Medical Center Cooling Plant) capital project.

Background: The Medical Center Cooling Plant provides chilled water to the campus loop by operating several water cooled chillers. The cooling towers at the Medical Center Cooling Plant provide cooling for the chillers operating at the plant. The cooling tower being replaced is 10 years old and does not meet cooling capacity requirements.

The project was submitted to the Board of Trustees on December 11, 2012 with an estimated scope of \$870,000. The project has since been designed and competitive bids for the work were received on February 6, 2013. Accepting the lowest of five responsive bids will put the project \$440,000 over the original estimated amount. The revised scope totals \$1,310,000, well within the total 2012 legislative authorization of \$62 million. The costs of operating and maintaining both of the University's power plants are paid for with general, hospital, and auxiliary funds based upon usage. The project will be financed with such agency funds.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____