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Members, Board of Trustees:

<u>UPGRADE/RENOVATE/EXPAND RESEARCH LABS CAPITAL PROJECT</u> (LEE T. TODD JR. BUILDING FIFTH FLOOR LABORATORY RENOVATION)

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Upgrade/Renovate/Expand Research Labs (Lee T. Todd Jr. Building Fifth Floor Renovation) Project.

Background: Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation. This project will renovate laboratories on the west end of the fifth floor of the Lee T. Todd Jr. Building to include the installation of up to 12 additional fume hoods.

When Phase II of the Healthy Kentucky Research Building (HKRB) is completed in June of 2020, the faculty on the fifth floor of the Lee T. Todd Jr. Building will be moving to the fourth floor of HKRB. The vacated space on the fifth floor of the Lee T. Todd Jr. Building will become available for medicinal chemistry and pharmaceutics research. The introduction of medicinal chemistry and pharmaceutics in greater demand for fume hood capacity.

It is essential that researchers have facilities and equipment that support their research and allow for efficient and safe operations. The renovation of this laboratory space to include up to 12 additional fume hoods will greatly enhance the flexible use of these laboratories now and in the future. Initiating the design at this time will allow for renovation to begin promptly when the spaces are vacated in the summer of 2020. This process will result in the additional fume hood capacity and surrounding spaces being available for occupancy by late 2020.

The scope of this project is \$1,500,000 and will be funded with agency funds. This project is authorized by the 2018 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly as part of the \$50,000,000 Upgrade/Renovate/Expand Research Labs pool project.

