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Members, Board of Trustees:

UPGRADE/RENOVATE/EXPAND RESEARCH LABS (CENTER FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSITIONAL SCIENCE ENTERPRISE DATA CENTER EXPANSION) CAPITAL PROJECT

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Upgrade /Renovate/Expand Research Labs (Center for Clinical and Transitional Science Enterprise Data Center Expansion) capital project.

<u>Background</u>: 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, expand and upgrade the University's secure research data center space within the Enterprise Data Center at the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) located in the Lee T. Todd, Jr. Building. CCTS manages over \$34.1 million in annual grants to support biomedical and population health research projects and requires HIPAA-compliant data management and storage. The Enterprise Data Center, UK's only HIPAA-secure research data center, faces increased demands for secure research data infrastructure from CCTS as well as other University research centers. This project will renovate and expand the Enterprise Data Center space and will provide requisite cooling, electrical distribution and ADA-compliant entry. The increase in secure biomedical research data center space will allow the University to support rapid advances in research computing and data capabilities that are revolutionizing research.

This \$9,500,000 project, authorized by the 2024 Kentucky General Assembly, is well within the total legislative authorization of \$75,000,000 and will be funded with federal and agency funds.



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