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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

CONSTRUCT AGRICULTURE RESEARCH FACILITY 2
(MEATS AND FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER - DESIGN PHASE)
CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Construct Agriculture Research Facility 2 (Meats and Food Development Center - Design Phase) capital project and the pursuit of legislative authority from the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the construction phase of this project.

Background: Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated scope of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

This project will initiate the design phase of an approximately 64,000 square foot Meats and Food Development Center ("Center") for the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. The current animal handling and abattoir facilities and laboratories in the W.P. Garrigus Building require modernization, and the value-added food science processing and evaluation facilities are limited, hindering externally funded research and industry training. Additionally, the existing operations must be relocated to accommodate the expansion of the UK HealthCare patient care facility on the north side of Cooper Drive.

The new Center will be constructed at the Oran C. Little Research Center, a 1,484-acre farm in Versailles, Kentucky, to create synergies advancing animal and plant agriculture. The Center will become the premier workforce training and teaching facility for value-added meats and food processing and promoting Kentucky's farm-based products.

This \$9,000,000 project, authorized by the 2022 Kentucky General Assembly, is within the total legislative authorization of \$10,000,000 and will be funded with agency funds.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____



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