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Architects & Engineers--Director, Project Management

**Delegation of Authority- Approval of Project Design**

In a letter, dated February 28, 2013 (DA2575R), the Chancellor delegated to the Vice Chancellor of Business and Administrative (VC-BAS), in the respective areas of responsibility of the titled position, the authority to approve the design for projects up to the project authority of the titled position and with a total individual project cost not exceeding $10,000,000. Total individual project cost shall be defined as all costs of the project including administrative, design, construction, interest accrued during construction where applicable, and equipment costs.

On September 18, 2008, The Regents amended the Policy on Approval of Design, Long Range Development Plans, and the Administration of the California Environmental Quality Act. The policy statement on design approval provides, in part, that The Regents designate the following categories of projects as requiring design approval by the Committee on Grounds and Buildings:

1. Except as provided in subparagraph (3) [below], building projects with a total project cost in excess of $10,000,000, except when such projects consist of the following:
   a. Alterations or remodeling where the exterior of the building is not materially changed;
   b. Buildings or facilities located on agricultural, engineering, or other field stations; or
   c. Agriculture-related buildings or facilities located in areas of a campus devoted to agricultural functions.
2. Capital improvement projects of any construction cost when, in the judgment of the President, a project merits review and approval by The Regents because of budget matters, fundraising activities, environmental impacts, community concerns, or other reasons.
3. Building projects on campuses approved by the Committee on Grounds and Buildings for inclusion in the Pilot Phase of the Delegated Process for Capital Improvement Projects with a total project cost in excess of $60,000,000, subject to the same exclusions as subparagraph (1).

This authority is applicable to all projects on property owned by The Regents or on property, which will be owned by The Regents upon completion of the project. This authority does not extend to any project, which the President believes merits review and approval by The Regents because of budget matters, fundraising activities, environmental impact, community concerns, or other reasons.

Exercise of this authority shall be in accordance with guidelines established by The Regents and the President, as they may be amended from time to time. These guidelines include, but are not limited to the following reporting and accountability requirements:

1. Major Capital Projects Implementation Report, reporting adherence to plans and aggregated performance on specific metrics of Regental and Presidential interest;
2. Physical environment review, reviewing implementation of the Physical Design Framework through regular visits and by a self-assessment survey of faculty, students, and staff; and
3. Audits, monitoring the factual validity of information reported throughout the process, along with Regental and Presidential policy compliance.

Effective as of the date above, I hereby delegate to the Director of Project Management for Architects & Engineers the authority to approve the design for projects with a total individual project cost not exceeding $1,000,000.

This delegation is being issued to enhance operational effectiveness. This authority may not be re-delegated.

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