July 23, 2009

TO: EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST

RE: Redegelation of Authority – To Solicit Facility Grant Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (DA2225)

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This delegated authority does not include the authorization to accept ARRA funds for programs or projects which may involve the exceptions listed in Standing Order 100.4.dd.1 cited above.

This authority may not be further redelegated.

Timothy P. White
Chancellor

Attach: Presidential Delegation of Authority DA2225 (6/16/2009)

Cc:
Vice Chancellor Research
Vice Chancellor Finance and Business Operations
Campus Counsel
Universitywide Policy Office
UCR Delegations of Authority Coordinator
CHANCELLORS

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The Regents acted under Interim Authority on June 15, 2009, to delegate authority to the President to solicit Facility Grant Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The delegated authority did not include the authorization to accept ARRA funds.

Effective immediately, I redelegate authority to you to solicit facility grant funding under the ARRA for projects that fall within the President’s authority according to the Interim action (copy attached). Any existing delegations to the contrary are suspended for the purposes of soliciting facility grant funding under the ARRA.

This authority may be redelegated to a specific designee and may not be further redelegated. Any such redelegation shall be in writing, with a copy to the Universitywide Policy Office.

[original signed by M. Yudof]

Mark G. Yudof
President

cc: Members, President’s Cabinet
    Principal Officers of the Regents
    Universitywide Policy Office
CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS
CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

ACTION UNDER INTERIM AUTHORITY—AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT
APPLICATIONS FOR FACILITY GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN
RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Request that the Regents authorize the President to submit facility grant applications for funding made available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This delegation does not include the authorization to accept grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION

The President recommends that the Committee on Grounds and Buildings and the Committee on Finance authorize the President to solicit Facility Grant Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Approval of the individual capital projects that are the subject of the award, including financial feasibility for which the grant funding would be applied, would follow the standard University approval practices.

BACKGROUND

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (PL 111-5) provides grant funding to federal agencies to:

1. preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.
2. assist those most impacted by the recession.
3. provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health.
4. invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.
5. stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.
In response to this important initiative, campuses are preparing applications for facilities grants from federal agencies using funding made available as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

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The proposed action would authorize the President to solicit or apply for ARRA facility grant funds for projects that may be exceptions to current University programs or policies or that might involve construction of facilities not previously approved. The President, in turn, would delegate his authority to apply for these grants to the Chancellors. This delegation does not include authorization to accept grant funds. Soliciting ARRA grants funds for construction and renovation of capital projects does not irrevocably commit the University to proceed with a project should an award be offered. Prior to accepting such grant awards, approval of individual capital projects and grant awards must adhere to standard University and Regental approval policies and procedures, including compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act or National Environmental Policy Act. To facilitate coordination of the University's efforts, campuses would submit a copy of the grant applications to the Office of the President.

Since the intent of the ARRA is to spur economic activity in a timely manner, some grant applications have deadlines before the next scheduled Regents’ meeting in mid-July, necessitating this proposed action under interim authority.

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