

**COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Friday, March 12, 2010

**DECISION ITEM B: Capital Projects for Which Staff Proposes Expedited Action**

**Staff Recommendation**

That the Commission for Higher Education approve by consent the following capital project(s), in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item:

- Powers Building Center for Innovation through Visualization and Simulation on the Purdue University Calumet Campus: \$3,700,000
- Increase in Authority – Replacement Student Housing on the Purdue University West Lafayette Campus: \$17,700,000

**Background**

Staff recommends the following capital projects be recommended for approval in accordance with the expedited action category originated by the Commission for Higher Education in May 2006. Institutional staff will be available to answer questions about these projects, but the staff does not envision formal presentations. If there are questions or issues requiring research or further discussion, the item could be deferred until a future Commission meeting.

**Supporting Document**

*Background Information on Capital Projects on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action, March 2, 2010*

## **Background Information on Capital Projects on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action**

March 2, 2010

**B-2-10-6-12 Powers Building Center for Innovation through Visualization and Simulation  
Project cost: \$3,700,000**

The trustees of Purdue University request authority to proceed with a project to renovate 5,000 square feet the Powers Computer and Education Building and the construction of a 5,200 square feet addition to the building to accommodate the Purdue University Calumet Center for Innovation through Visualization and Simulation (CIVS). The CIVS is a multidisciplinary center that combines advanced simulations with 3-D visualization and virtual reality technologies. The project is funded through \$2,700,000 in federal grant funds and \$1,000,000 in PU Calumet reserves.

**B-1-05-1-18R Increase in Authority for Construction of a Replacement Student Housing on the  
Purdue University West Lafayette Campus  
Project cost increase: \$17,700,000**

In November 2005, the Commission reviewed and recommended a project by Purdue University to construct replacement student housing on the West Lafayette campus. The project as originally requested was for the construction of 560 on-campus resident rooms at a cost of \$52,000,000. The project is a three-phase project. The first two phases of the project came in at a price substantially higher than estimated. Therefore, Purdue requests authority to increase expenditures by \$17,700,000 above the original \$52,000,000 authorization. The first two phases of the project are filled to capacity with a waitlist. The project is a part of Purdue's Facilities Master Plan and replaces older housing space being lost to campus development and obsolescence of existing facilities, and is funded through Student Facilities System Revenue Bond Proceeds, or user fees from the system-wide housing and dining facilities.