

**COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Friday, September 9, 2011

**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:

- Purdue University – Calumet Campus-Wide Qualified Energy Savings Projects - \$4,196,688

**Background**

Staff recommends the following capital project 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, September 9, 2011*

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September 9, 2011

### **B-2-12-2-06 Calumet Campus-Wide Qualified Energy Savings Project Project Cost: \$4,196,688**

The Trustees of Purdue University request authorization to proceed with a qualified energy savings project (QESP) at the Calumet campus. The project will include major energy retrofits of lighting and electrical and HVAC controls across the entire campus in order to reduce energy costs and create a positive impact on the environment. The estimated cost of this project is \$4.2 million and will be funded through the issuance of tax-exempt commercial paper on an interim basis until permanent debt financing is issued.