Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda: Board Policy 5.14, Procurement and Contracts, requires pre-approval by the Board of Trustees for contracts, including amendments, with values greater than $2,000,000.

Scheduled Presenter(s): Allan Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor Facilities

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues: This request is to seek Board of Trustees approval to renovate portions of Crawford Residence Hall, A and B wings at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The project will include significant upgrades of interior areas for floors 1 through 4 in both the “A” and “B” wings of the residence hall and will generally include improvements to flooring, walls, ceilings, doors and hardware, plumbing, heating, ventilation, lighting, telecommunications and card access systems.

Background Information: Design and construction of the project will be funded by the university using $4.1 million of Revenue Fund operating reserves as well as repair and replacement funds. Universities have a choice of funding for this type of capital improvement, either through operating reserves accumulated over time or the use of revenue bond proceeds with resultant debt. No state appropriation or tuition funds will be used for the project.
BACKGROUND

The purpose of this request is to seek Board of Trustees approval to renovate portions of Crawford Residence Hall, A and B wings at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Board approval is necessary because the project includes a construction contract over $2 million.

The project will include significant upgrades of interior areas for floors 1 through 4 in both the “A” and “B” wings of the residence hall and will generally include improvements to flooring, walls, ceilings, doors and hardware, plumbing, heating, ventilation, lighting, telecommunications and card access systems.

Design and construction of the project will be funded by the university using $4.1 million of Revenue Fund operating reserves as well as repair and replacement funds. Universities have a choice of funding for this type of capital improvement, either through operating reserves accumulated over time or the use of revenue bond proceeds with resultant debt. No state appropriation or tuition funds will be used for the project.

Because this project is funded through student room and board fees, student consultation is required. Minnesota State University, Mankato has indicated that consultation took place as part of consultation on the FY2009 Revenue Fund fees, and that students are in support of the planned renovation work.

The design, construction, inspection and testing, furnishings and equipment will be managed by university personnel in accordance with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities’ design and construction standards. A project predesign study was completed to define the scope and costs of the project and will be used as a basis for the design. The proposed schedule for design, construction, and related contract awards is as follows: design - spring 2008; begin construction - July 2008; and substantial completion - August 2009.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Facilities/Finance Policy Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Board of Trustees approves the capital project to renovate Crawford Residence Hall, A & B Wings on the campus of Minnesota State University, Mankato as described herein.

Date Presented to the Board: March 19, 2008