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President

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Chancellor Frank Brogan  
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Dear Frank:

In 2008-09, the Florida Board of Governors approved a $6M funding allocation to the University of Florida for the planning and early site work of a UF Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona.

In October 2009, Lake Nona Research I, LLC, donated 5.248 acres of land at Lake Nona for the purpose of locating, constructing and operating a UF research facility adjacent to the Sanford-Burnham Institute for Medical Research at Lake Nona. The building is intended to support research activities in health-related fields, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, veterinary medicine and public health. Educational degree and non-degree granting programs in health-related fields, and educational courses and classes in any field, may be supported through this facility. A scale-up manufacture of pharmaceuticals program will be housed in the building to support the research activities of UF, Burnham and other research programs.

The building is currently in the Design Development phase at approximately 115,000 Gross Square Feet and will include research and instructional space, a comprehensive drug development center, faculty and administrative offices, classrooms, student space and conference rooms. Initial site grading has taken place and construction is planned for July, 2010.

Beginning in summer 2012, the academic program for the College of Pharmacy located on the IFAS Apopka site will be relocated to Lake Nona. The College of Pharmacy will operate the Comprehensive Drug Development Center in support of Burnham and other research programs statewide. The College of Medicine will establish research programs in aging and other disciplines at Lake Nona.

The location of the UF Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona is depicted on the attached sheets.

In keeping with the description of the Lake Nona site and building scope, the University requests that the UF Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona be approved as a Center as defined in the BOG Regulation 8.009.

Sincerely,

J. Bernard Machen

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