

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
Facilities Committee  
March 27, 2008**

**SUBJECT:** Information Provided in Response to Committee Questions

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Information Only

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

N/A

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Facilities Committee, at its meeting January 23, 2008, directed staff to provide further information on selected items presented. Following is this information:

**Question: BOG Facilities staff indicated that only 42% of research space need has been met on the USF Main Campus. Is this correct, and how is this possible?**

**Answer:** This figure has been verified by USF and includes the Health Science Center Facilities. It does not include the St. Pete Campus facilities. If the USF System is taken as a whole, including all FTE and all space, the same percentage of need met (42%) is obtained. USF Tampa, including USF Health and the College of Marine Science leases 586,407 square feet, at an annual cost of \$12,284,275. With the construction of more research space, USF could reduce this operating expense and believes it could obtain additional research grants that its space limitations preclude it from applying for.

**Question: Why did the Florida Department of Transportation provide funds to UF for Pugh Hall construction?**

The FDOT provided almost \$1 million to the University of Florida used for construction of the recently completed Pugh Hall. UF sited the facility to accommodate existing underground infrastructure belonging to FDOT.

**How are the Universities reporting Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) spending to the DMS Office of Supplier Diversity?**

The universities report MBE information on a quarterly basis directly to the Department of Management Services Office of Supplier Diversity, as well as the Florida Board of Governors.

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**Supporting Documentation Included: None**

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