



Shared Academic Resources

\$3.5 M

Council of Academic Vice Presidents
Budget Request

A Single LBR with 3 Complementary Components

- SUS Press of Florida – investing in the production of textbooks, e-books, and e-journals
- Florida Academic Repository (FLARE) – SUS collaboration at a high density library storage facility. De-duplicates library holdings. Frees up campus library space. Reduces per volume storage cost. Reduces acquisition costs.
- Collaborative purchases of STEM e-journals. Critical for the graduate education, research, and tech transfer enterprises. Reduces costs across the system. Addresses allocation inequity among universities.



Addresses 2012-2025 BOG Strategic Plan Goals

- Improves the quality and impact of scholarship, research, and commercialization activities of the system
- Seek ways to organize and collaborate for increased efficiencies and a stronger System and State

SUS Press of Florida

- Functions:

- Publishes scholarly books sold in 117 countries
- Co-founder of Orange Grove Text Plus (OGT+) – an open-access textbook initiative created to reduce the high costs of instructional materials
- Engaged in a joint project to create scientific journals to replace very expensive commercial journals

- Request:

- \$330K non-recurring to update antiquated data systems
- 1 position & \$180,037 to expand OGT+
- 1 position & \$180,037 for the scientific e-journals project

SUS Press Return on Investment

- Note: it has been 21 years since the last major State investment into SUS Press infrastructure
- ROI:
 - Savings of \$135,000 currently paid to outside vendors by moving from software-based system to web-based system
 - Reduction in student debt – e.g. UF Calculus 1 e-text (\$230 vs. \$75 = 67% reduction per student per course)
 - The Open Access Text Initiative will provide relief to SUS students from commercial publishers who raise prices 5% to 10% per year

Florida Academic Repository (FLARE)

- Function:

- Provides a central repository for SUS libraries to maintain one hard copy of library materials. Required by law in order to circulate electronic copies.

- Requests:

- Provide an interim service until a permanent facility is constructed (\$1.1M) Interim facility is currently managed and operated by UF on behalf of SUS (\$483,700 for staffing; \$460,210 for rent; \$168,888 for utilities/expenses)
- Provide \$18M in Fixed Capital Outlay funding in the 2015 Legislative session to begin construction of the permanent facility (\$2M in planning funds received in 2010)

- *Note: This project is Shovel-Ready*

FLARE Return on Investment

- ROI:
 - Houses one copy of library materials for use throughout SUS. Allows e-copies to be circulated.
 - Liberates considerable space for instructional purposes.
 - E.g., by moving library materials for FLARE, UF liberated 26,000 square feet of space that was renovated into student study space for 700 students.
 - Instead of each library buying materials, the SUS needs to buy only single copies
 - Storage cost per volume reduced 80% from \$4.26 to \$.86 per volume



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ROI

- ✓ One of the greatest efficiencies the SUS could achieve is the construction of a Joint-Use Library Storage Facility to provide for the de-duplication of certain library holdings across the SUS while freeing up much-needed space on campus for other purposes.
 - Example: UF’s Marston Science Library emptied one floor of low use materials and 26,000 square feet of valuable space has been converted to student study space that serves 700 students.
- ✓ This project is a high-density “Shared Services” facility which will provide archival storage for 5.2M volumes of library materials for benefit of all State Universities (12) and State Colleges (28).
- ✓ This project creates opportunities for removal of low circulation books and journals from all SUS libraries while ensuring continued access through the Statewide Library Ground Delivery Service.
- ✓ Savings are realized because the SUS would only need to retain 1 copy of an item to ensure availability to users throughout the SUS and State College system.
- ✓ Operational efficiency is realized per volume due to moving from open stacks to HDF storage (an 80% cost reduction from \$4.26/volume to \$.86 per volume)

DEMAND METRICS

- For some books, federal copyright law requires that one print copy must be maintained in order for an electronic copy to be shared across the SUS; this facility would store those print copies.
- Managing relatively low-use, but valuable, items centrally is consistent with Best Practices developing regionally and nationally.
- The SUS shared collection is officially created as the **FL**orida **Academic RE**pository (FLARE).
- The Joint-Use Facility consists of 2 parts: 42,000 GSF of renovated space and 40,000 GSF of new space.
- Originally funded in 2010, Design is complete through 100% Construction Documents and all internal and external (GRU, SFM) reviews are complete.
- Anticipated construction start date: August 2015.
- Estimated completion: 18 to 24 months after construction begins.
- This project is “Shovel Ready.”

REQUEST

Total project budget:	<u>\$ 26.7 M</u>
Prior funding	2.0 M
Current Request	18.0 M
Remaining Need	6.7 M

Collaborative Purchase of STEM e-Journals

- Critical for graduate education, research, and tech transfer
- Not purchased by FLVC
- Library budgets currently inadequate to meet demand
- Costs have been escalating at 5%-10% per year due to monopoly practices of publishers. Federal government is addressing situation, but their efforts will take at least five years
- Increased pressure on library budgets and some inequitable allocations within the SUS
- \$1.7M per year for each of the next three years will address the inequity and relieve the pressure.

