



Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

ACTION ITEM:

Bragg Memorial Stadium Phase I Repairs/Renovation

Dr. Alan Robertson
Vice President for Finance and Administration / CFO

Bragg Memorial Stadium Phase I Repairs/Renovation

Proposed Board Action:

This agenda item relates to signature authority approval for the purchase of the FAMU Bragg Memorial Stadium Phase I – East Side Grandstands including Materials / Freight / Installation, a total sum \$2,158,760. The University was able to produce \$139,990 in savings by utilizing the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative program that was created to support and serve public schools, municipalities, counties, universities, and all types of local government agencies. This approval action item is for the construction of the Phase I East Side Grandstands agreement.

Recommendation:

The recommendation is for the Board of Trustees to authorize the University President, Dr. Larry Robinson, signature authority to execute the necessary contract and agreements. This contract will be executed after the review and comments by the Office of General Counsel.

ACTION ITEM:

Return Condenser Well #2

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Return Condenser Well #2

Proposed Board Action:

This agenda item relates to signature authority approval for the Return Condenser Well #2 project.

Currently, the Central Plant Chilled Water Condenser cooling is accomplished through up to four (4) aquifer-fed condenser supply wells. This amount of water is then directed to only one aquifer returns well. If a collapse of this one well occurs, all cooling to campus buildings would be stopped until a new well could be drilled. The Central Plant needs this redundancy to insure business continuation in the event of a primary return well failure.

Competitive bids were received on March 2, 2021, resulting in a low bid of \$1,398,575.

Return Condenser Well #2

Several factors have influenced the Bid.

- A local well driller, who has performed the majority of well projects on FAMU & FSU Campus, was not able to bid the project.
- COVID cost impacts must be considered.
- Increasing material costs, along with the processing capability of manufacturers that has diminished, has created extended lead times as well as increased the overall costs of project.
- Current bid environment not only includes COVID but also is weather related. The most recent example is the Texas "freeze" impacting local skilled labors.
- Current bid environment and the ever-present COVID impacts have caused increases in market prices over 30%.

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Founded in 1887 as the State Normal College for Colored Students, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) is the only historically state supported educational facility for African Americans in Florida. It has always been co-educational. In 1890, the second Morrill Act was passed. This enabled the school to become the Black Land Grant College for the State of Florida. In 1891, the college was moved from its original location west of town to its present location which was once the site of "Highwood," Territorial Governor W.P. Duval's slave plantation. The school was known as Florida A&M College from 1909 until 1953 when it attained university status.