

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy **NO.:** FAAP 16-03

COMMITTEE DATE: October 20, 2015

BOARD DATE: October 27, 2015

APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY STUDENT ACTIVITY PROJECT

MOVED: MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY
WARREN CONFERENCE CENTER AND INN ACQUISITION
FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY

1. The Commissioner of the System of Public Higher Education (the "Commissioner") is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the "Board") to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") that the Authority initiate the projects described in EXHIBIT A attached hereto.

2. Bonds issued by the Authority to finance the projects for which a request is hereby authorized may be issued together with or separately from bonds issued to carry out other projects of the Authority for which the Board authorizes a request.

3. The Commissioner and all other officers of the Board, each acting singly, are authorized to request the Commissioner of Administration to approve in writing the initiation by the Authority of the projects for which a request is hereby authorized, and to do such other things and to take such other action as the officer so acting shall, as conclusively evidenced by the taking of such action, deem necessary or desirable to be done or taken to carry into effect the matters hereby authorized.

4. The Board and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Board, declare their official intent under §1.150-2(d)(1) and (e) of the Treasury Regulations as follows:

The Board reasonably expects that there shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority, expenditures (including expenditures made within the last 60 days) temporarily advanced by the Commonwealth (including within such term the Board and the State Universities) for the projects for which a written request is hereby authorized, the maximum principal amount of such bonds expected to be issued, all or a portion of the proceeds of which are reasonably expected to be used for such reimbursement purposes, being **\$1,685,000**.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

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MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY

EXHIBIT A

**FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY
WARREN CONFERENCE CENTER AND INN
MSCBA PROJECT NO. FRA-0755-15**

Description of Project

- (a) The carrying out of preliminary work, including obtaining cost estimates, revenue estimates, preliminary design specifications, feasibility studies, surveys, and site analyses to determine the feasibility, approximate size, scope, purposes, location and other characteristics of any building, structure or facility the Authority is authorized by Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, as amended, to provide; and
- (b) The carrying out of property acquisition, as well as, improvements, renovations, and other work on and the provision and installation of furnishings, fixtures and other equipment for other buildings, structures, or facilities the Authority is authorized by Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, as amended, to provide.

Project Overview

- Framingham State University and the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) have collaborated on the proposed acquisition of the Warren Conference Center and Inn in Ashland, Massachusetts. This project will provide conferencing space, meeting rooms, student activity space, athletic fields, and hoteling capability for the University as well as future potential to house graduate students and support academic program expansion.
- The project revenue source is operating budget revenues.

Project Budget

Total Project Cost	<u>\$ 8,000,000</u>
State Contribution	
G.O. Bond Funds	4,000,000
FY2015 Supplemental Funds	<u>2,500,000</u>
Project Fund Deposit	
from 2015A Bonds (maximum)*	1,500,000
Cost of Issuance/Reserves	<u>185,000</u>
Total Funded by 2015A Bonds	<u>\$ 1,685,000</u>

*Note: Project Fund deposit may be reduced by up to \$500,000 pending decision by Town of Ashland to acquire a parcel at the Northern most portion of the property.