

Agency 072 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Project ID/Name: ST7 State Owned Schools - Renovations/Repairs

Project Description:

In November 2004, voters approved a \$15 million bond to make long-overdue repairs and improvements to the state's career and technical centers, of which \$14.9M has been already spent.

The \$15 million figure was determined by adding the preliminary estimates provided by the individual schools. In order to prioritize and develop a scope of work of the highest needs for each school, including building, fire, energy and security codes, life safety requirements, and ADA compliance, RIDE issued a Letter of Interest to secure a Facility Repair Assessment for each center. This contract was awarded to Robinson Green Beretta (RGB), who provided the detailed assessment report in FY 2006. This report is a comprehensive facilities assessment that identifies required improvements and classifies them either as life safety, accessibility, building systems, or security. The report goes onto prioritize each required item according to whether it should be performed; 1-immediately; 2-within one to five years; or 3-within five to ten years. The Regents' top priority is to utilize the remaining bond proceeds to address the most critical needs at each facility.

Project Justification:

The Board of Regents has proposed that the state-owned career and technical centers be transferred back to the districts that house them. When this idea was first proposed to the districts, most refused to take the schools back in their current condition. Superintendents noted that they do not have the funds to maintain the facilities or to make improvements. At that time, Representative Paul Crowley and his committee began looking at the programs at the career and technical centers and the condition of the facilities. This committee was impressed by many of the programs offered at the centers, but felt that the facilities were not equipped to offer the state-of-the-art training that students require in order to find careers in growth industries. Therefore, lawmakers decided to authorize the \$15 million bond issue. With state-of-the-art programs and renovated facilities, the expectation is that enrollment will dramatically expand in all areas of career and technical education.

Project Status:

Of the remaining \$114,842, all will be spent in FY 2013 for emergency repairs at the remaining state-owned, locally-operated career and technical centers.

Strategic Criteria

Safety Concerns Major

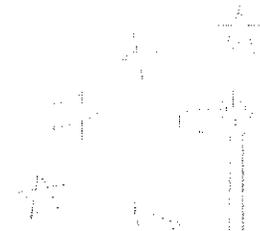
Safety Narrative

This bond was put before the voters due to Representative Crowley and a team of legislators' determination that there were significant safety concerns at the states' career and technical centers. These include fire alarm and HVAC system issues and inadequate roofing structures. Improper air flow due to inefficiently operating HVAC systems and leaking roofs can result in a "sick building", possibly causing illness in the students. As they now stand, the current facilities are not equipped to offer the state-of-the-art training needed in order to successfully enter careers in growth industries.

Code Violations Major

Code Narrative

The bond proceeds will only cover critical building code violations, including roof repairs, HVAC systems, and fire alarm repairs needed to meet the new fire code standards.



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Energy Impact Major Positive

Energy Narrative

Roof and HVAC repairs are expected to have a major and positive impact on the energy efficiency of these facilities.

Customer Service Major

Customer Narrative

Students and teachers expect and deserve a safe learning environment. Prospective students and their parents touring the school would find buildings in need of critical repair. Since these are state-owned schools, the state is responsible for every individual within these buildings.

Geographic Significance Statewide

Geographic Narrative

The state-owned career and technical centers are scattered throughout Rhode Island and their presence has a positive impact on the surrounding neighborhoods, including the increase of property values.

Agency Mission High

Agency Narrative

The mission of schools is to educate the students in a safe and healthy learning environment and to provide a safe work environment for all staff. Appropriate measures must be implemented by the state so that students are able to learn and staff is able to teach the skills needed to prosper in a chosen trade.

User Financing 0

User Narrative

Asset Management Rehabilitation

Asset Narrative

These funds will support numerous repair and renovation projects at the state-owned career and technical centers. Each project will support and improve the individual facility.

Operating Major

Operating Narrative

If the buildings are brought up to code, the state may be able to transfer the career and technical centers to the districts. Districts are unwilling to accept the buildings in their current condition. If the buildings are transferred back to the districts, RIDE would save funds related to emergency repairs and insurance costs for the facilities.

Historic Preservation No

Historic Narrative

Budgeted Yes

Budget Narrative

Critical Criteria

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Critical Life Safety Yes

Critical Life Safety Narrative

For the centers that need fire alarm code updates, there are critical life safety emergency issues.

Critical Legal Liability Yes

Critical Legal Liability Narrative

Since these are state-owned schools, the state would be liable for any injuries resulting from an out-of-code building.

Prior Binding Commitment Yes

Prior Binding Commitment Narrative

This bond is fully encumbered.

FY 2014 - FY 2018

Capital Improvement Plan Request System

Agency Request vs. Plan

Funding Source	Pre FY 2013	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Post FY 2018	Total
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Status: Plan	\$14,945,158	\$54,842	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000
P.L. 2004 Ch. 595 - Issued									
Subtotal Plan	\$14,945,158	\$54,842	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000
Status: Request	\$14,885,158	\$114,842	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000
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Subtotal Request	\$14,885,158	\$114,842	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000