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**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA UPDATE OF FLOOD RECOVERY STATUS**

**Action Requested:** Receive the report from the University of Iowa.

**Executive Summary:** The University has provided the following report:

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Attached are four reports: the first is the most recent report of flood recovery expenses and funding received (through June 30, 2012). The second report is the current timetable for milestones related to the major flood recovery projects (dated August 1, 2012). The third report lists formal appeals of FEMA decisions. The fourth report is a new table which lists "To-Date" flood costs by project.

On June 28, 2012, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Homeland Security released a report on FEMA's decisions to replace rather than repair buildings at the University of Iowa. Below are a series of informational points on the OIG report that were prepared at the time it was released. The University and State Homeland Security will provide an oral update on important developments as of August 3.

- The Office of Inspector General is an audit arm of the Federal Homeland Security Department. FEMA is within the Federal Homeland Security Department.
- The Office of Inspector General has recommended that replacement project funding commitments for Hancher-Voxman-Clapp and the Art Building East be reversed based upon its interpretation of FEMA's internal policies for replacing damaged buildings within a flood plain.
- FEMA Region VII, which includes Iowa, does not agree with the Office of Inspector General's report findings and recommendations. FEMA Region VII has filed its written objections which are included within the Office of Inspector General's report.
- The audit done by the Office of Inspector General focused on the method and calculations made by FEMA Region VII, not of any actions taken by the University of Iowa or the State of Iowa. The report is a recommendation to FEMA headquarters and FEMA headquarters will have the opportunity to respond.
- No de-obligations of federal awards have occurred. The University of Iowa and the state have \$266 million in federal obligations for Art, Music and Hancher, as well as \$6.7 million for demolition of flood damaged properties. The University of Iowa remains absolutely dependent upon these federal grant amounts to undertake the replacement projects.
- The University of Iowa received strong support from the Governor, Board of Regents, state officials and our congressional delegation to persist and complete these critical replacement projects.
- The University of Iowa continues to work closely with the Board of Regents, state leaders including Governor Branstad, and our congressional delegation.

- The University of Iowa is entirely dependent upon FEMA obligations to complete these replacement projects. Planning and design processes will continue in close consultation with the Board of Regents leadership to make sure our actions are in accord with the direction of the Board.
- Acting upon written obligations from FEMA, the University of Iowa has thus far spent approximately \$30 million on planning, design and acquisitions toward the three replacement projects.



MAJOR FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECT TIMETABLE

	Regional FEMA Site and Replacement Authority Approval	Completion of State/Regional Review of Recovery and Mitigation Plans (PW complete)	Completion of National FEMA Review/Funding Obligation (1)	Submission of Schematic Design and Budget to Board Office for Regents Action	Award of Construction Contract(s)	Substantial Completion
Art Building West			Complete (March 2011)	Complete (March 2010)	Complete (September 2010)	October 2011
Art Building (Replacement)	Complete (October 2010)	Complete (June 2011)	Complete (January 2012)	Complete (March 2012)	May 2013	April 2016
Art Building (Demolition)		Complete (June 2011)	Complete (May 2012)	October 2012	TBD	TBD
Hancher Performing Arts (Replacement)	Complete (October 2010)	Complete (June 2011)	Complete (January 2012)	Complete (March 2012)	October 2012 to October 2013 (3)	December 2015
School of Music (Replacement)	Complete (October 2010)	Complete (June 2011)	Complete (January 2012)	Complete (March 2012)	January 2013 to September 2013 (3)	March 2016
Hancher/Voxman/Clapp (Demolition)		Complete (June 2011)	Complete (May 2012)	October 2012	TBD	TBD
Iowa Advanced Technology Labs		Complete (June 2011)	September 2012 (4)	December 2012	June 2013	July 2014
Iowa Memorial Union		Complete (July 2011)	Complete (January 2012)(5)	Complete (October 2010)	April 2013	February 2015
Mayflower Residence Hall		Complete (June 2011)	September 2012 (4)	Complete (June 2012)	February 2013(6)	June 2014
Theatre Building		Complete (June 2011)	Complete (February 2012)	September 2012	August 2013	October 2014
Utility System (2)		Uncertain (pending FEMA response to UI proposed plan)	Uncertain (pending FEMA response to UI proposed plan)	Uncertain (pending FEMA response to UI proposed plan)	Uncertain (pending FEMA response to UI proposed plan)	Uncertain (pending FEMA response to UI proposed plan)

Footnotes:

- (1) All dates subject to meeting all FEMA historic and environmental preservation rules on building and demolition projects per section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
- (2) On August 12, 2010, the University submitted a comprehensive report, including a benefit-cost analysis, to FEMA outlining needed repairs and improvements to the utility system (power plant, tunnels, and distribution system). In March 2012, the University received from the FEMA office in Des Moines multiple PWs providing insufficient obligations for repairs and mitigation. Path addressing these deficiencies is uncertain and will involve appeals to FEMA Region VII.
- (3) These projects will be delivered in several bid packages. The dates indicated represent the anticipated dates for the awarding of the initial and final contracts.
- (4) FEMA has obligated the project worksheet. However, the project worksheet does not accurately reflect the desired scope of work. This is primarily related to mitigation strategies.
- (5) FEMA obligation understates cost significantly and UI/Iowa Homeland Security are in the process of seeking recognition of this higher cost within the FEMA obligation.

<b>STATUS OF FEMA APPEALS</b>			
<b>BUILDING/ PROJECT</b>	<b>ISSUE ON APPEAL</b>	<b>DATE APPEAL SUBMITTED</b>	<b>STATUS OF APPEAL</b>
MUSEUM OF ART	Replacement of flood damaged facility	June 2011 (second appeal)	Final appeal rejected by FEMA Headquarters (May 2012)
POWER PLANT and UTILITY SYSTEM TUNNELS	Reimbursement for funds expended in repair of facility	May 2012 (UI to IHS)	Submitted to Iowa Homeland Security (IHS) as appeal to FEMA Region VII
IA MEMORIAL UNION	ADA modifications	March 2012 (UI to IHS)	In process / under review by FEMA Region VII (IHS submitted appeal to FEMA Region VII May 2012)
STUDIO ARTS	Reimbursement of funds expended in renovation of temporary facility	April 2012 (UI to IHS)	In process / under review by FEMA Region VII (IHS submitted appeal to FEMA Region VII June 2012)

**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA - MAJOR FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECT REPORT**

To Date Flood Recovery Costs

As of June 30, 2012

	(\$ 000's)
Hancher & Voxman Buildings & Replacements	\$ 24,036.1
Art Building & Replacement	4,840.5
Art Building West	10,387.1
Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories (IATL)	11,353.6
Iowa Memorial Union (IMU)	6,009.7
Theatre	3,031.6
Adler / Becker / English-Philosophy Building (EPB)	5,621.1
Mayflower Hall	4,539.6
Museum of Art	473.7
Utility Plants & Systems	33,777.2
Debris Removal	38,350.2
Temporary Locations	41,000.0
Emergency Measures	11,507.5
Other Restoration Projects	6,833.7
Other	7,267.5
<b>TOTAL FLOOD</b>	<b>\$ 209,029.1</b>