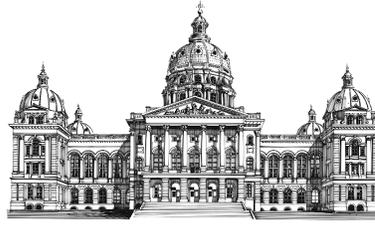

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Board of Regents Fire and Environmental Safety

ISSUE

A review of information regarding fire and environmental safety at the Board of Regents institutions.

AFFECTED AGENCIES

Board of Regents

CODE AUTHORITY

In general, Chapter 262, Code of Iowa, and specifically Section 262.33A, Code of Iowa, relating to Fire and Environmental Safety

BACKGROUND

The Board of Regents requires an annual governance report to be submitted by each of the institutions regarding fire and environmental safety. The report is typically submitted to the Board in November of each year. Data for this *Issue Review* is from the report submitted to the Board on November 8, 1999, and includes actual data through FY 1999 and projected data for FY 2000. Final data for FY 2000 and projections for FY 2001 will be submitted to the Board in November 2000.

The Board requires the annual report to include the results of the State Fire Marshal's latest inspection and to provide detail regarding projects that are completed or in progress to correct outstanding deficiencies.

The Regent institutions began reporting on fire safety in March 1988 and have reported annually since that time.

Fire safety deficiencies are identified either by the State Fire Marshal's Office during biennial campus inspections or by campus personnel. The University of Iowa also requested a special inspection by the Iowa City Fire Marshal that was conducted during 1998.

The General Assembly has historically had concerns regarding fire safety at the Regent institutions and been supportive of efforts to correct deficiencies as follows (as reported by the Regent annual report):

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- FY 1990 - authorized \$6.0 million in Academic Revenue Bonds to complete fire and environmental safety projects at the Regent institutions.
- FY 1991 - authorized \$20.0 million in bonding for the Regents institutions for the FY 1992 capital program that included funding for deferred maintenance, fire and environmental safety, and equipment and utility projects.
- FY 1995 – provided \$2.0 million in bonding authority for fire and environmental safety.
- FY 1996 – appropriated \$5.0 million for fire and environmental safety, renovation, and deferred maintenance. The University of Iowa (SUI) and Iowa State University (ISU) each allocated \$1.0 million of this funding for fire and environmental safety.
- FY 1997 and FY 1998 – appropriated funds for major renovations at the Regents institutions, including the SUI Biological Sciences and Engineering Modernization projects, and Lang Hall Renovation at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). Fire safety and environmental issues are being addressed in each of these projects.

CURRENT SITUATION

From FY 1993 through FY 1999, the Regents institutions have completed fire and environmental safety projects totaling \$23.5 million. These projects and the funding sources are illustrated in **Attachment A**. These projects do not include fire safety projects addressed as components of major renovation projects. Fire safety projects totaling \$8.7 million were planned or continued in FY 2000. Additional detail regarding fire and environmental safety projects is contained in the annual governance report that was submitted to the Board in November 1999, and copies are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau

In November 1999, the Board of Regents estimated the following additional funding would be needed to correct fire safety deficiencies identified by the State Fire Marshal. For FY 2000, the total cost to correct fire safety deficiencies identified by the State Fire Marshal totaled \$4.4 million. **Table 1** illustrates the amounts by institution for FY 1999 and FY 2000.

Table 1
Total Cost to Correct Fire Safety Deficiencies¹
Board of Regents Institutions
(Dollars in millions)

Institution	FY 1999 ²	FY 2000 ³
SUI ⁴	\$ 3.1	\$ 3.5
ISU ⁵	0.4	0.9
UNI	0.0	0.0
ISD	0.1	0.0
IBSSS	0.0	0.0
Total	\$ 3.6	\$ 4.4

ALTERNATIVES

It is expected that the General Assembly will continue to monitor the Regents institutions progress towards correcting fire and environmental safety deficiencies. If the General Assembly determines sufficient progress is not being made, they may consider mandating that a percentage of budgeted funds be directed towards fire safety concerns, or providing additional funding through appropriations, or bonding authority.

BUDGET IMPACT

The Board of Regents has approved a capital budget request for FY 2002 that includes \$2.0 million for fire and environmental safety at SUI and ISU (\$1.0 million each). The five-year capital plan (FY 2002 to FY 2006), as approved by the Board, includes a request of \$2.0 million each year for fire and environmental safety.

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¹ As identified by State Fire Marshal. Excludes items included as part of major renovations in the Board's five-year capital plan, buildings to be demolished, or for which waivers have been applied for.

² As reported in November 1998 and excludes work to be undertaken in FY 1999.

³ As reported in November 1999 and excludes work to be undertaken in FY 2000

⁴ Estimated cost for SUI is for all general fund and Oakdale buildings.

⁵ Does not include \$6.0 million identified by ISU staff or the Waste Chemical Facility.

Table 1
BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA
FIRE SAFETY PROJECTS
GENERAL FUND FACILITIES
COMPLETED FY 1993 - FY 1999
PLANNED FOR OR CONTINUED IN FY 2000
(\$ Thousands)

	<u>SUI*</u>	<u>UIHC</u>	<u>ISU</u>	<u>UNI</u>	<u>ISD</u>	<u>IBSSS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Projects:							
Completed Projects:							
FY 1993	\$ 1,476.5	\$ 507.3	\$ 1,135.6	\$ 551.3		\$ 11.0	\$ 3,681.7
FY 1994	721.2	619.2	365.6	447.3	\$ 111.5	6.9	2,271.7
FY 1995	1,664.2	619.4	153.6	62.5	97.5	10.9	2,608.1
FY 1996	2,233.4	55.0	2,163.7	83.6	211.5	4.0	4,751.2
FY 1997	1,320.0	380.0	235.8	63.8	91.5	41.2	2,132.3
FY 1998	1,401.0	1,552.3	735.9	126.4	125.0	8.1	3,948.7
FY 1999	1,696.0	1,880.8	288.0	12.2	225.0	8.4	4,110.4
Subtotal	<u>\$ 10,512.3</u>	<u>\$ 5,614.0</u>	<u>\$ 5,078.2</u>	<u>\$ 1,347.1</u>	<u>\$ 862.0</u>	<u>\$ 90.5</u>	<u>\$ 23,504.1</u>
Projects Planned for or Continued in FY 2000	\$ 1,400.0	\$ 6,677.0	\$ 513.9	\$ 54.0	\$ 25.0	\$ 3.5	8,673.4
Total	\$ 11,912.3	\$ 12,291.0	\$ 5,592.1	\$ 1,401.1	\$ 887.0	\$ 94.0	\$ 32,177.5
By Source of Funds:							
Building Renewal / General University	\$ 6,548.7		\$ 2,385.4	\$ 359.9	\$ 474.0	\$ 94.0	\$ 9,862.0
Income from Treasurer's Temporary Investments	2,776.0			174.8			2,950.8
Academic Building Revenue Bonds	1,587.6		2,206.7	826.5			4,620.8
Special and Capital Appropriations	1,000.0		1,000.0		385.0		2,385.0
University Hospital Building Usage Funds		\$ 12,291.0					12,291.0
Other				39.9	28.0		67.9
Total	\$ 11,912.3	\$ 12,291.0	\$ 5,592.1	\$ 1,401.1	\$ 887.0	\$ 94.0	\$ 32,177.5

*SUI - Excludes UIHC; includes projects approved and funded for FY 93 - FY 00; for FY 1993 also includes projects completed with Academic Building Building Revenue Bonds, 1991.