February 13, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin
    President

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Request to Use Riverside Campus Building #7535 for Vet Med Emergency Response Program

At its January 10, 2011 meeting, the Council of Built Environment discussed the request from Dr. Eleanor Green for the use of Riverside Campus Building by the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Veterinary Emergency Response Program. The building is currently unoccupied and will support the efforts of the Emergency Response Program in the areas of service, education and outreach. The College’s intention is for this to be a short-term usage and intends to relocate the program to the Veterinary College on campus within five years.

The Design Review Sub-Council (DRsc) had no objections but requested the opportunity to review any proposed physical changes to the building that would need to be made to accommodate the program. According to the Facilities Utilization Review Sub-Council (FURsc) meeting, there will be no change in the appearance of the building. The DRsc recommended that CBE submit a recommendation to the President.

The Technical Review Sub-Council (TRsc) recommended approval if the following concerns were addressed:

- CIS Networking—some minor changes to Bldg. 7535 might need to be made to avoid disruption to Bldg. 8530A.
- Diesel or other flammable materials could possibly be stored in this building and would need to be evaluated to comply with fire code.
- Transportation Services has no plans to provide transit service to the Riverside Campus.
- UPD suggested consideration be given to installing video and intrusion alarm capabilities to the security plan for the facility.

FURsc recommended approval for a recommendation to the President. FURsc noted there have been other inquiries regarding the space, but no other formal requests have been received. Dr. McClendon asked CBE voting members to make sure they were comfortable making the decision without putting out a call for other requests. The motion was made by Dr. N. K. Anand that CBE make the recommendation to the President for the College of Vet Med to use Riverside Building #7535 for the Emergency Response Program with the stipulation that this will be reviewed after three years. Thomas Mather seconded the motion. CBE voting members approved the motion unanimously. Additionally, to keep this from becoming an issue in the future, David is working on a facilities coordination website to show vacancies across campus.
CBE unanimously voted to approve the request for the College of Vet Med to use Riverside Building #7535 for the Emergency Response Program with the stipulation that this decision will be reviewed by CBE after three years and recommends approval by the President.

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Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Co-Chair, Council of Built Environment

Rodney P. McClendon 2-15-12
Vice President for Administration
Co-Chair, Council of Built Environment

Recommendation Approved:

R. Bowen Loftin 2-17-12
President

cc: Sub-Council Chairs, Council of Built Environment
    Dr. Eleanor Green
November 21, 2011

To: Dr. Karan L. Watson  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Co-Chair, Council of Built Environment

Rodney P. McLendon  
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Through: Dr. Eleanor M. Green  
The Carl B. King Dean of Veterinary Medicine

Through: John Scroggs  
Chief of Staff

Through: Sam Wigington  
Director of CVM Facilities

From: Wesley Bissett  
DVM, PhD

Subject: Request to use building 7535 for Emergency Response Program

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The Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team provides the state's capacity for veterinary medical assistance during times of disaster. This program has acquired a sizable cache of equipment which provides the ability to project the capabilities of the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine’s Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital around the state and beyond during times of disaster. Our equipment provides a mobile field based hospital capable of supporting a staff of 50 veterinarians, veterinary technicians and veterinary medical students. This gives us the capability of providing care for ill and injured animals at virtually any location around the state and beyond. Our most recent deployment was to the Bastrop Wildfire Complex in September 2011. In addition to caring for search and rescue dogs and animals injured during the wildfire, this provided a world-class educational experience for our students. This building will allow us to properly store and maintain our equipment cache currently valued in the neighborhood of 1.4 million dollars.

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Building 7535 will also be used in our educational efforts. Disaster medicine is a focus of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. A required clinical rotation will begin in May 2012. All senior veterinary medical students will be required to take this rotation which will provide an intense two week immersion in veterinary emergency response. This building will house much of this educational effort and provide an all-weather location for our training sessions. This rotation is the first of its kind in the country. In addition we provide bi-weekly training sessions for faculty, staff and students involved in the Veterinary Emergency Response Program. Again, this building is critical to our success.

An additional use of this building will be in the form of outreach. Texas A&M University is a leader in providing educational opportunities for the emergency response community. This building will provide an excellent platform for provision of these activities and play a critical role in enhancing the emergency preparedness efforts for animals in the State of Texas.

Thank you for your consideration.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson
   Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Dr. Rodney McClendon
   Vice President for Administration

FROM: Prof. David Woodcock
       Chair, Design Review Sub-Council

DATE: January 9, 2012

RE: Design Review Sub-Council Report
    Request for Use of Building 7535 for Emergency Response Program

On behalf of the Design Review sub-council, I have reviewed the request from Dr. Wesley Bissett dated November 21, 2011 for use of building 7535 on Riverside Campus for the Veterinary Emergency Response Program. In principle, the DRsc has no objection to the reassignment of this space to the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. However, we request the opportunity to review any proposed physical changes to the building that would need to be made to accommodate this program.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

cc: Design Review Sub-Council Members
    Jo Williams
MEMORANDUM

To:        Dr. Karan Watson
           Chair, Council for the Built Environment

           Dr. Rodney McClendon
           Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Subject:   Space Request: Riverside Campus Bldg # 7535
           Veterinary Medicine’s Emergency Response Program

RECOMMENDATION

The Council for the Built Environment’s (CBE) Facilities Utilization Review sub-committee (FURsc) recommends that the CBE support the request by the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences for the space formerly in use by the Facilities Services Department in Building # 7535 at the Riverside Campus to support the College’s regional animal Emergency Response program.

SCOPE & ANALYSIS

The FURsc understands that the Emergency Response program is a combined service and educational program and it represents the largest and most organized and sophisticated emergency response program on behalf of animals in the country. The program provides the state’s capacity for veterinary medical assistance during times of disaster and is focused on providing care for ill and injured animals at virtually any location around the state and beyond. The team recently responded to needs generated by the wildfires in the Bastrop area in September of 2011. The space is needed to properly store and maintain the equipment, which is currently valued at approximately $1.4 million.

Veterinary Medicine is working to obtain federal recognition of the program. The program operates as the first program of its kind in the U.S. and is breaking new ground, important to the State of Texas as a deployable asset, and it prepares graduates for leadership and management of emergency situations by including learning opportunities in field operations and a high level of veterinary care.

The program has a deployable animal hospital large enough to staff an 80-90 person hospital, with diagnostic and other supplies and equipment valued at $1.5M. Supplies and equipment are currently stored in small mobile trailers and an 18 wheeler at the Vet complex, as well as various rooms around the Veterinary College. This arrangement makes it difficult to deploy expeditiously and efficiently as supplies and materials have to be unloaded, sorted, reorganized and repacked for deployment and storage. The same process occurs when the program is engaged in associated teaching activities.
The program needs space to store and manage its supplies and equipment. Vet Medicine intends to utilize the Riverside Campus Building #7535 that was formerly the Facilities Services Area Maintenance 6 Shop, which has been vacant about one year. The building has 9,181 square feet. It has offices and space ideal for classroom teaching and four large bays that are adequate for parking trailers and organizing equipment. The building offers a measure of security which is important because of the expense of the medical equipment. Vet Medicine indicates there will be no need for repair or renovation of this space for their use. The College’s intention is for the Emergency Response Team to be located at Riverside on a short-term basis as they plan to relocate the program back to the Veterinary College on campus within five years. While there have been other inquiries regarding the space, no other unit has proffered a formal request.

We are pleased to offer this recommendation and welcome further inquiries related to this analysis.

Sincerely,

James Massey
Chairman, CBE-Facilities Utilization Review sub-council
Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities

Attachments
CC: CBE-FURsc members
Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team

Building Use Request

Wesley Bissett, DVM, PhD

Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team
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Education and Service

Deployable Field Hospital
Equipment valued at 1.5 million
TAMU Veterinary Emergency Team

TAMU Veterinary Emergency Team
Partial Equipment Listing

- 4 trailers (21-53')
- 6 1935 tents
- 5 Hozo tents
- Generators
- Water systems
- A/C units
- Medical Equipment

Educational Initiative

Required clinical rotation in veterinary emergency response

- First in the United States
- Important to the State of Texas
- Our graduates will be prepared
Our Needs

Warehousing and organization location
  Ability to load for the emergency
  Secure facility
Teaching facility
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           Provost and Executive Vice President

           Dr. Rodney McClendon
           Vice President for Administration

DATE:      January 9, 2012

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Recommendation
The CBE Technical Review Sub-council supports the idea of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Veterinary Emergency Response Program using a vacant building on the Riverside Campus.

The following details were submitted by members of the Technical Review Sub-council. The Sub-council recommends approval, if the concerns below are addressed and funded.

CIS Networking
CIS Networking sees no significant network issues involving this proposal. In their discussion, they had indicated that they would have no requirement for standard network connectivity. However, Building 7535 is connected to the campus network, and if a requirement for network connectivity arises, the Emergency Response Program can be connected with minimal cost. Building 8530A is connected to the campus network through equipment located in 7535. In order to prevent any disruption of service to 8530A, some minor changes to the 7535 network equipment location might need to be made to avoid conflict with the Emergency Response Team use of 7535.

Environmental Health & Safety
Some of the trailers and equipment contain diesel or other flammable materials. The possibility of storage of these materials inside the building will need to be evaluated to comply with fire code.
Transportation Services
No parking impact. There are no plans to provide transit service to the Riverside campus.

Telecommunications
We have fiber and copper to building in case telephone or internet services are required.

University Police
UPD would suggest serious consideration be given to installing video and intrusion alarm capabilities to the security plan for this facility. This is based in part on our current limited security patrols of the Riverside Campus, and although pharmaceuticals will not be stored with this emergency response equipment, there is a significant investment in property that would be attractive to someone with criminal intent.

Procurement
On the use of Building 7535 for the CVM Emergency Response Program, the only concern is the condition of the building and what cost may be incurred and who would incur the cost, if extensive maintenance were needed.

Facilities
Facilities Coordination has no other planned use or request for this space. We think this request should go forward.

[Signature]
Tom Reber
Chair, Technical Review Sub-Council
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Attachments
Xc: Technical Review Sub-council
    Jo Williams, Executive Assistant to the Vice President
November 21, 2011

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