Memorandum

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To: Chief Business Officers
Facilities Directors
Other Interested Parties

From: Frederick E. Harris, Assistant Vice Chancellor
College Finance and Facilities Planning

Subject: District Capital Outlay Proposals and Plans for 2014-15

It's time for the Chancellor’s Office to request your district Five-Year Construction Plans and capital outlay project proposals for 2014-15. As you know, the last state higher education construction bond was passed in 2006. Those bond funds have all been committed to projects; and, a state higher education bond for 2012 being approved by the Legislature now is unlikely. Without a defined funding source the Department of Finance will not consider new projects in 2013-14. However, major capital outlay investment is a key contributor to the economic revival of California and a key component to job creation in every community. Therefore we are continuing our efforts to develop future state capital outlay plans in order to be ever-ready to respond to state or federal funding opportunities as they may arise.

In order to save districts time and money in the absence of new state bond funding, the Chancellor’s Office is not requesting new project proposals for 2014-15. We will “roll” our proposed 2013-14 spending plan to 2014-15 and make the necessary cost adjustments. We will consider only one project per campus for 2014-15. If you did NOT have a project proposed in 2013-14 OR if you wish to make changes to your proposed 2013-14 project OR if you will be submitting a new proposal in lieu of the project included in the 2013-14 spending plan, please contact your district’s Chancellor’s Office Facilities Specialist immediately.

We will also be rolling your previously approved Initial Project Proposals (IPP) from 2013-14 to 2014-15. If you will be submitting a new IPP for possible inclusion in the 2015-16 budget, please contact your district’s Specialist immediately.

Districts still are required to submit their 2014-15 Five-Year Construction Plans no later than August 1, 2012. However, the Chancellor’s Office would like to receive information regarding the district’s decision regarding which projects will be submitted as soon as
possible. Please work closely with your district’s Specialist over the next few months to finalize your 2014-15 submittals.