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## VICE CHANCELLOR STEVEN A. OLSEN, FINANCE, BUDGET & CAPITAL PROGRAMS

## <u>Delegation of Authority – To Solicit Federal Grant Funding under the American Recovery</u> and Reinvestment Act of 2009

# **References:** (a) UC DA 2225 (Delegation of Authority to Solicit Federal Grant Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) to Chancellors, dated June 16, 2009;

(b) Standing Order of The Regents 100.4(dd).

Supersedes: New

Effective as of the date above, I hereby delegate to you, in your area of responsibility, the authority to solicit facility grant funding for the UCLA campus under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for projects that fall within the President's authority, as specified in the Interim Action of The Regents, dated June 12, 2009 (copy attached). This authority does *not* include the authorization to accept grant funds. Approval of any specific capital project that may be the subject of such an award, including the financial feasibility for which the grant funding would be applied, shall follow standard University approval practices. Soliciting ARRA grant funds for construction and renovation of capital projects does not irrevocably commit the University to proceed with a project should an award be offered.

The authority may not be further redelegated.

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Gene D. Block Chancellor

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cc: Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost Universitywide Policy Coordinator Manager Administrative Policies & Delegations Contracts Administrator, Capital Programs

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June 12, 2009

## CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

## ACTION UNDER INTERIM AUTHORITY-AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR FACILITY GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Request that the Regents authorize the President to submit facility grant applications for funding made available from the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*. This delegation does not include the authorization to accept grant funds.

## RECOMMENDATION

The President recommends that the Committee on Grounds and Buildings and the Committee on Finance authorize the President to solicit Facility Grant Funding under the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*. Approval of the individual capital projects that are the subject of the award, including financial feasibility for which the grant funding would be applied, would follow the standard University approval practices.

## BACKGROUND

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (PL 111-5) provides grant funding to federal agencies to:

- 1. preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.
- 2. assist those most impacted by the recession.
- 3. provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health.
- 4. invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.
- 5. stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

In response to this important initiative, campuses are preparing applications for facilities grants from federal agencies using funding made available as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

<u>Standing Order 100.4 (dd) states, in part:</u> "...the President is authorized to execute...documents to solicit and accept pledges, gifts, and grants, except that specific authorization by resolution of the Board shall be required for documents which involve or which are:

1. Exceptions to approved University programs and policies or obligations on the part of the University to expenditures or costs for which there is no established fund source or which require the construction of facilities not previously approved." (Emphasis added)

The proposed action would authorize the President to solicit or apply for ARRA facility grant funds for projects that may be exceptions to current University programs or policies or that might involve construction of facilities not previously approved. The President, in turn, would delegate his authority to apply for these grants to the Chancellors. This delegation does not include authorization to accept grant funds. Soliciting ARRA grants funds for construction and renovation of capital projects does not irrevocably commit the University to proceed with a project should an award be offered. Prior to accepting such grant awards, approval of individual capital projects and grant awards must adhere to standard University and Regental approval policies and procedures, including compliance with the *California Environmental Quality Act* or *National Environmental Policy Act*. To facilitate coordination of the University's efforts, campuses would submit a copy of the grant applications to the Office of the President.

Since the intent of the ARRA is to spur economic activity in a timely manner, some grant applications have deadlines before the next scheduled Regents' meeting in mid-July, necessitating this proposed action under interim authority.

Approved:

Leslie Tang SchillingDateChair of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings

Russell S. Gould Chair of the Committee on Finance Date

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Leslie Tang Schilling Date Chair of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings

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Russell S. Gould Chair of the Committee on Finance

Mark G. Yudof President of the University Date