

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25228

This concurrent resolution authorizes the Idaho State Board of Education to enter into agreements with the Idaho State Building Authority to provide financing and construction management for the expansion of the Idaho National Laboratory Cybercore Integration Center and Collaborative Computing Center facilities. These two new facilities would house cybersecurity and super-computer research activities which have outgrown the existing facilities at the Idaho National Laboratory's current location. Bond proceeds would cover site preparation and construction of the new buildings on State Board of Education property and acquisition, if needed, of adjacent property currently owned by the Idaho State University Foundation. Following completion of construction, the new Cybercore and Collaborative Computing Center facilities would be leased by the State Building Authority to the State Board of Education, which, in turn, would sub-lease the facilities to the Idaho National Laboratory. The new facilities will provide outstanding opportunities for Idaho's research universities to carry out their missions; engage Idaho students in leading-edge education, research, and intern activities; and bolster economic development for Idaho as it collaborates with the Idaho National Laboratory to address the nation's cyber-security and advanced computing priorities. In addition to the significant economic benefits of the project for the State and the positive impact on national security, the project will provide immediate and continuing benefits to student learning and institutional research efforts. Upon payoff of bond debt, lease payments from the Idaho National Laboratory would revert directly to the State Board of Education.

FISCAL NOTE

Cybercore will be approximately 80,000 square feet and the Collaborative Computing Center (C3) will be approximately 67,000 square feet. The estimated construction cost of the two facilities is approximately \$75,000,000 including land acquisition costs. Idaho National Laboratory will invest an additional \$10,000,000 in tenant improvements and technology in the two buildings. The lease payments by Idaho National Laboratory will cover debt service on the bonds issued to finance the projects, and all costs of operations and maintenance will be borne by the Idaho National Laboratory. The facilities will be located on property near Idaho National Laboratory facilities, with the two new buildings situated in close proximity to the Center for Advanced Energy Studies facility and functionally-related Idaho National Laboratory and State Board of Education facilities. Initial design efforts for the facilities are underway. Ground-breaking and construction would begin in the spring or early summer of 2017, with total construction time estimated at fifteen months. Option currently being explored for financing is a 20-year bond issue not to exceed \$90,000,000. Maximum monthly lease payments are estimated at \$265,000 for Cybercore and approximately \$245,000 for C3. Additional costs borne by INL will be separate from the lease payments. The State Board of Education, as sponsor of the project, will provide no state dollars for design, construction, financing, or operations of the facilities, and ownership of the facilities and continuing lease payments revert to the Board of Education to support system-wide education and research needs.

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