

November 4, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

FROM: David L. Buhler

SUBJECT: University of Utah Rice-Eccles Stadium Video Scoreboard Replacement

Issue

The University of Utah is requesting authorization to proceed with a project to replace the existing video scoreboard in Rice-Eccles Stadium.

Background

The proposal is to replace the existing 10-year old video board that has exceeded its useful life. The estimated project cost is \$13.5 million consisting of \$8.6 million for the video scoreboard and related structure and \$4.9 million for a distributed sound system. Capital funding and any future O&M funding needs will be provided from Department of Athletics and Auxiliary Services funds.

Additional information is provided in the attached letter from the University and related attachments. University representatives will be present at the meeting to provide additional information and respond to questions from the Board.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Board authorize the University to present this project proposal to the Utah State Building Board for final approval.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachments

October 23, 2015

Mr. David Buhler
Commissioner
Board of Regents Building, The Gateway
60 South 400 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1284

Dear Commissioner Buhler:

RE: University of Utah
Rice-Eccles Stadium – Video Board

This proposed project will upgrade the existing video board at the south end of the Rice-Eccles Stadium. The new video-board is estimated to have overall dimensions of 89' tall X 118' wide. The current board is 10 years old and has exceeded its useful life. Replacement will improve the efficiency and reliability, keeping up with latest technologies, and will allow better visibility and operational enhancements.

Of most importance, the enhanced video board will contribute greatly to the positive fan experience at Rice-Eccles Stadium events. All structural upgrades necessary for its construction and installation will be included, and the current sound system will be replaced with a distributed sound system. This system will help contain the sound within the stadium creating a better listening environment for those attending events. It will also reduce the noise disturbance to the surrounding community.

The proposed total project budget is estimated at \$13,500,000 and will be funded by Department of Athletics and Auxiliary Service funds.

Approval is requested to authorize the University to design, bid, and award a construction contract to complete this project.

This project is contingent upon Trustee approval prior to the Board of Regents meeting. We respectfully seek your support of this request and the opportunity to present this project for Board of Regents approval at the November 13, 2015 meeting.

Sincerely,



John Nixon
Senior Chief Administrative Officer and CFO

Cc: Jason Perry, Vice President, Government Relations
Michael G. Perez, Associate Vice President, Facilities

Scoreboard Replacement and Distributed Sound

Rice-Eccles Stadium





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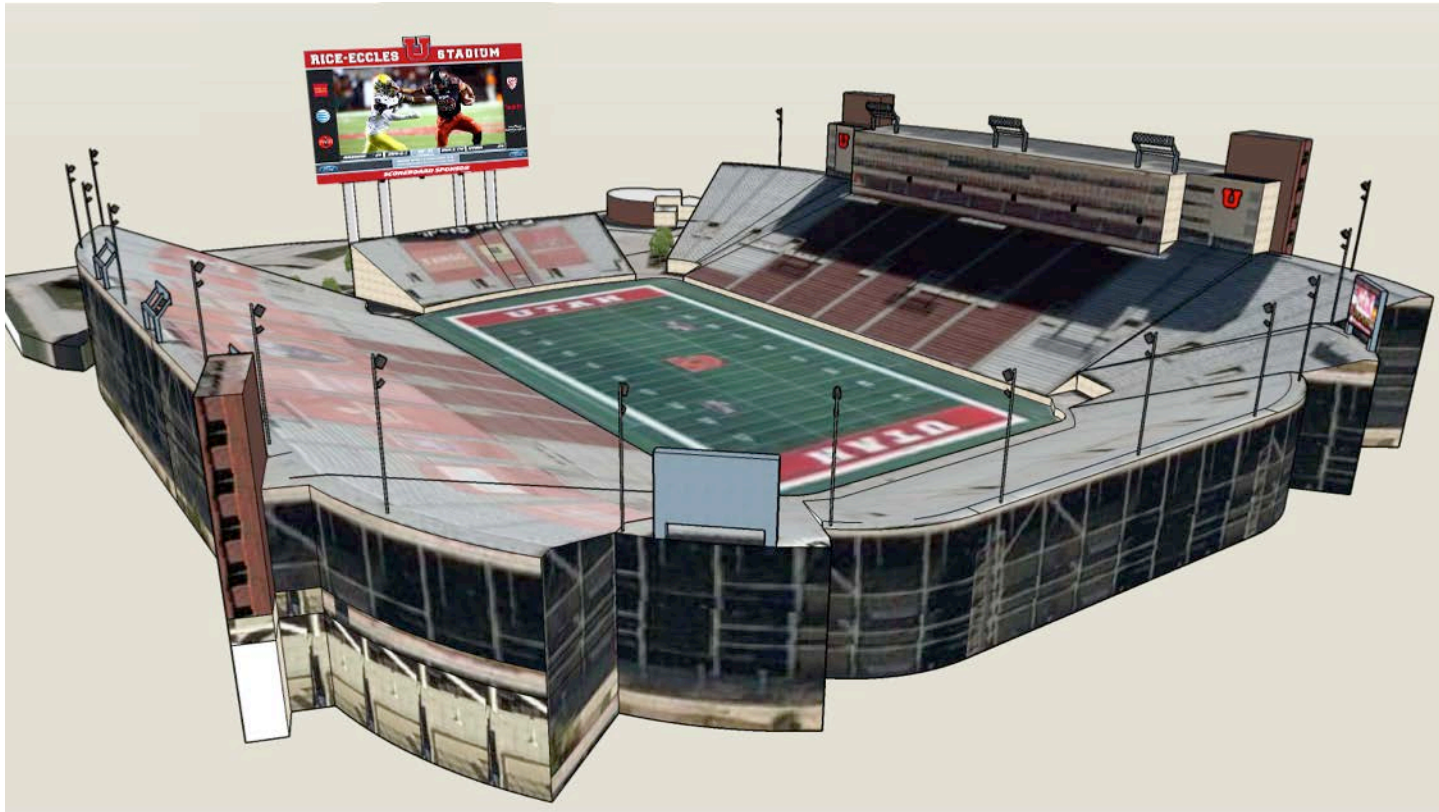
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Distributed Sound System



Video Scoreboard and Distributed Sound Summary of Costs

Video Scoreboard and Structure	\$8,600,000
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Distributed Sound System	\$4,900,000
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Total Cost of Project	\$13,500,000
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