

July 11, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents

FROM: David L. Buhler

SUBJECT: Utah State University – Horse Barn Non-State Funded Project

Issue

As required by Regent Policy R702, *Non-State Funded Projects* Utah State University (USU) requests Board authorization to proceed with a non-state funded project to construct a new horse barn on the South Farm property in Wellsville, Utah for \$1,800,000.

Background

Regent policy R702 requires the Board to review capital projects requiring State Building Board or Legislative approval. State statute (63A-5-104) defines capital projects with more than \$500,000 of new space as "capital developments" and allows the State Building Board to approve those projects without legislative approval, if the project does not use state funding sources for the design, construction, operation, or maintenance of the facility.

The University operates a South Farm in Wellsville, UT, just a few miles south of the main Logan campus. The 26-acre South Farm site supports the Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences, which offers a four-year degree in Equine Science and Management. South Farm includes an Equine Education Center that contains classrooms, a riding arena, and barn space. As the equine program continues to grow, and in order to host more equine competitions and events, USU requests approval to construct a new 20,000 square foot metal horse barn to increase horse stall space. The new facility will augment existing facilities and provide additional horse capacity to support the growing program. The project is estimated to cost \$1,800,000 funded with institutional funds from the School of Veterinary Medicine. No state funds will be used in the design, construction, operation, maintenance or improvement of the project.

The University's Board of Trustees approved this project in their June 2018 meeting. Additional information about the project is provided in the attached letter from the University and map of the proposed site. Representatives from USU will be present at the meeting to provide additional information and respond to questions from the Board.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends the Board authorize Utah State University to present the Horse Barn project to the Utah State Building Board for final approval.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachments

June 19, 2018

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

Subject: Construct a New Horse Barn, a Non-State Funded Project

Dear Commissioner Buhler:

Utah State University desires approval to construct a new horse barn, a non-state funded project, on the South Farm in Wellsville, Utah. This request has been approved by the Utah State University Board of Trustees.

The new facility will provide additional stall space for the emerging needs of the growing equine program and provide USU the capability to host horse show competitions that will showcase the program and recruit students.

The proposed facility is a 20,000 square-foot, metal building that contains a pre-manufactured system that will require site work to complete the electrical, plumbing distribution, and heating requirements. Additionally, utilities services will need to be run and concrete laid. The estimated cost of the building is \$1.8 million and will be funded with funds available within the School of Veterinary Medicine. No funds will be requested from the State for construction, capital improvements, or operations and maintenance.

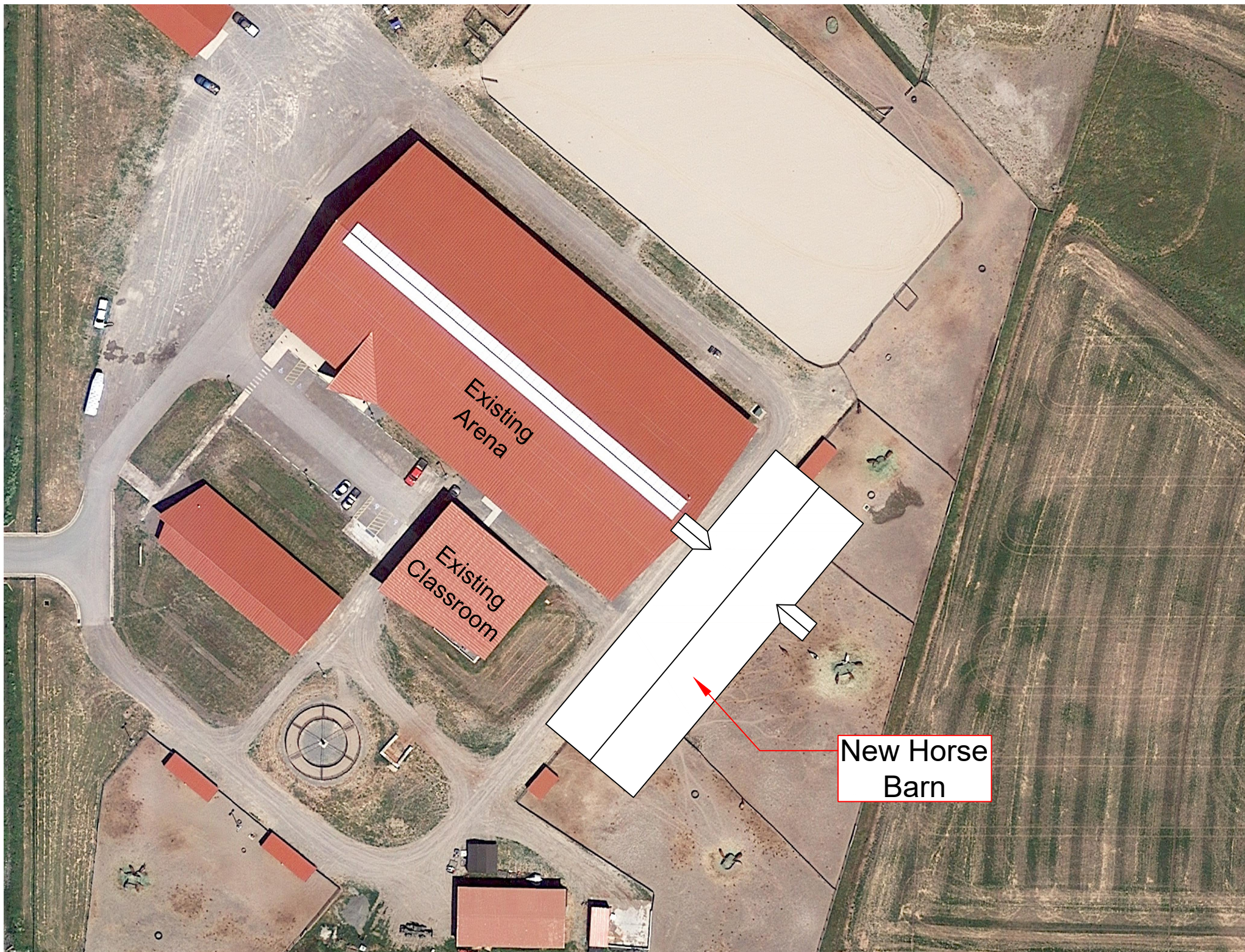
We appreciate your support and request that this item be placed on the agenda for the Board of Regents meeting scheduled on July 20, 2018.

Sincerely,



David T. Cowley
Vice President for Business & Finance

cc: Kimberly Henrie, Associate Commissioner for Finance, Facilities, and Research
Noelle Cockett, USU President



Existing
Arena

Existing
Classroom

New Horse
Barn