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**REQUEST FOR CENTER CLOSURE: ANALOG AND MIXED-SIGNAL VLSI DESIGN  
CENTER AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Action Requested:** Consider recommending approval of request to eliminate the Analog and Mixed-Signal VLSI Design Center at Iowa State University.

The Council of Provosts and Board office recommend approval of this request.

**Executive Summary:** The Analog and Mixed-Signal VLSI Design Center was created in response to a large grant from the Texas Instruments (TI) company with the goal to develop design methods and measurement techniques for analog and mixed-signal devices in the 1990s.

Over time, the Center has evolved into a regular research/teaching laboratory housed within the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. There is currently no need for a separate "Center" administratively for the Analog and Mixed-Signal VLSI Design laboratory. The Center has no specific administrative personnel or infrastructure attached to support this unit. Research and educational efforts of the laboratory are managed by the technical staff members of the department, similar to other departmental research/teaching laboratories. The unit will transform into an active research/teaching laboratory and continue to operate within the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

There is no financial impact or effect on students of eliminating the Analog and Mixed-Signal VLSI Design Center. The change will take effect upon approval by the Board of Regents.