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**REQUEST CENTER CLOSURE: ASTEROID DEFLECTION RESEARCH CENTER
AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval of request to eliminate the Asteriod Deflection Research Center (ADRC) at Iowa State University.

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

Executive Summary: The ADRC was created in 2008 in response to a large grant proposal with the goal to develop techniques to deflect asteroids. While the faculty member serving as the inaugural director of the ADRC sustains this research interest, the scope of the research efforts are not at the level that requires the formal structures of a separate administrative Center. Recent attempts to secure research funding sufficient to support a "Center" were unsuccessful.

The unit will transform into an active research collaboration called Asteroid Defense Research Consortium and continue to interact with the international community on the research issue.

There is currently no administrative infrastructure or support provided for the ADRC. The faculty members collaborate as researchers, with no formal administrative structure or support. This will continue when the "Center" closes and transforms into a faculty consortium.

No administrative staff, space or role of faculty and students is affected. The change will be effective upon approval by the Board of Regents.