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T. ANNE CLEARY WALKWAY – EMERGENCY STEAM SYSTEM REPAIRS (SUI)

Action Requested: Ratify the Executive Director's actions related to the **T. Anne Cleary Walkway – Emergency Steam System Repairs** project at the University of Iowa.

Executive Summary: On June 11, 2010, the Board Office was informed of an emergency situation related to a section of the University of Iowa steam system located underneath the T. Ann Cleary Walkway just north of the Pentacrest. According to the University, several steam valves and expansion joints could no longer be safely maintained and further failure of the system could jeopardize building systems and the safety of individuals. Repairs to the system would significantly impede pedestrian access since the Walkway is the main pedestrian pathway from the Pentacrest to and from University housing and other academic buildings; it is used by thousands of individuals daily when classes are in session.

Due to the serious safety issues, Executive Director Donley, on June 14, 2010, made a finding of the need to institute emergency procedures under Iowa Code subsection 262.34.2 for the emergency repair of the steam system located under the Walkway. On June 17, 2010, Executive Director Donley approved a project description and budget in the amount of \$975,389 and a construction contract award to Iowa Bridge & Culvert, LC in the amount of \$764,000, for the emergency steam repairs. The project is being funded by utilities enterprise renewal and improvement funds and is scheduled to be completed by August 20, 2010. Board ratification of Executive Director's actions for the project is requested.

Background: In 2009, the following subsection (subsection 2) was added to Iowa Code 262.34.

Notwithstanding subsection 1, when a delay in undertaking a repair, restoration, or reconstruction of a public improvement might cause serious loss or injury at an institution under the control of the state board of regents, the executive director of the board, or the board, shall make a finding of the need to institute emergency procedures under this subsection. The board by separate action shall approve the emergency procedures to be employed.

The **T. Anne Cleary Walkway – Emergency Steam System Repairs** project is the first project for which emergency procedures were requested by any Regent institution under subsection 2.