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REQUEST FOR CENTER CLOSURE: INDUSTRIAL ASSESSMENT CENTER

Action Requested: Recommend approval of Iowa State University's request to close the Center for Plant Responses to Environmental Stresses

The Council of Provosts and the Board office support this request.

Background: Board of Regents policy 3.7.G requires centers or institutes that support the research and service mission of the institution go before the Academic Affairs Committee with requests for closure. The impact on the institutional teaching commitment, financial resources and external stakeholders are key considerations.

The Industrial Assessment Center (IAC), formed in 1990, used to provide energy audits to small and medium-sized manufacturing companies and recommend ways to reduce energy consumption and become more profitable. ISU teams would visit the site, collect data, conduct analyses, and write reports for each company.

Rationale for request to close: The center was started with a federal grant. The grant has not been active for almost five years and there is no ongoing effort to revive it. There is insufficient funding to justify the Center to function as a separate entity.

Impact of closure: Currently there are no responsibilities that are being carried out or services that are being delivered in conjunction with the IAC. There will be no impact on other units at ISU.

Proposed date of closure: Upon Board of Regents approval.