



Connecticut State University System

Developing a State of Minds

BR#01-16



RESOLUTION

concerning

LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE
FOR
EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
TO ACCOMMODATE
THE ENERGY INSTITUTE

April 5, 2001

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System on July 14, 2000, approved BR#2000-76, the establishment of an Energy Institute at Eastern Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, Eastern Connecticut State University would like the Energy Institute to commence programs that promote improved awareness and understanding of energy issues, and

WHEREAS, Office space is not available for use by the Energy Institute on campus, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System requests that the state Department of Public Works obtain lease proposals within the Willimantic area for approximately 10,000 net square feet for five years, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System requests that the state Department of Public Works advertise and negotiate said lease, with finalization contingent upon receipt of anticipated and adequate funding.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cipes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Lease of office space for Eastern Connecticut State University to accommodate the Energy Institute.

BACKGROUND

On July 14, 2000, the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approved a resolution, BR#2000-76, to establish an Energy Institute at Eastern Connecticut State University. The Institute will be used "...to promote improved awareness and understanding of energy issues, to provide information and assistance in applying for funding from extramural sources, [and] to provide a forum for discussion among stakeholders...". The Institute will endeavor to assist municipalities, service organizations, government agencies, and corporate entities in the energy conservation field. In addition, it will market its services to entities and individuals for conferences, workshops, seminars and training purposes.

ANALYSIS

Eastern Connecticut State University currently has no swing space for office functions, faculty offices or academic programs. No additional space is anticipated to be available in the near future that can accommodate the Institute. The university is anxious to establish a location from which the Institute can commence its work.

The university would like to pursue the option of leasing office space in the Willimantic area. The lease would be for a period of five years. Unfortunately, actual cost figures are unavailable until lease proposals are received; Board approval is required in order to authorize DPW to obtain the lease proposals. The Institute's funding is anticipated to be a broad range financing program from a combination of corporate and public funding entities, government agencies, and private sources.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the lease of approximately 10,000 net square feet of office space for Eastern Connecticut State University to accommodate the Energy Institute, with finalization contingent upon receipt of anticipated and adequate funding.