Board of Trustees

Meeting Materials
July 19, 2019
Agenda Item IV:
Approval of Center for Access and Student Success (CASS) Amendment #4 for Construction Manager
**Subject:**

**Amendment #4** to the agreement between Owner and Construction Manager for the Center for Access and Student Success Building. **This cost is included in the total estimated project cost of $40,728,149.**

**Rationale and Benefit:**

The FAMU Center for Access and Student Success (CASS) is designed to be a multipurpose building serving as a one-stop shop for programs like recruitment, admissions, financial aid and enrollment management. This building will also house registrar, scholarship office, counselling services, and the Center for Disability Access and Resources.

This project will contribute towards improving the retention and graduation rates for students, by expanding outreach and recruitment, increasing counselling services, and improving the overall customer service for students, parents, and alumni.

Total funds requested for this project is $40,728,149, of which $16,155,000 has been encumbered previously.

To date, University has procured and selected A/E services (JRA) and preconstruction and construction services (Ajax). University has also contracted with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram for construction audit services.

The project team has completed the conceptual and advanced schematic design, site utility analyses, design development, early site package design phase and the full building design. To continue the progress with the funding received to date, the project team had adopted a phased design and construction approach. Accordingly,

- The first phase focused on the utility work (Amendment #1),
- The second phase focused on civil related work (Amendment #2),
- The third phase addressed building foundation, electrical and plumbing stub outs, vertical structure and steel and a roof with the available funding (Amendment #3), and
- The final construction phase (Amendment #4) will address the balance of the building construction and build out.
With funding appropriated to date, the University will complete all the phases of the project by fall 2020.

Current Construction Manager Contract - $13,198,856

**Requesting Amendment #4** for Construction Manager - **$19,207,243** (current request)

New contract amount - **$32,406,099**

**Amendment #4** will incorporate provisions for all the remaining construction related activities for build out of the CASS facility, as include in the design package issued by the project architect (JRA). The completion of this phase will be scheduled around August 2020.

**Recommendation:** Authorize the President to execute **Amendment #4** in the amount of **$19,207,243** to the existing agreement with Ajax, subject to the review and approval of the Office of the General Counsel.