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PURPOSE, NEED, SCOPE, RELATIONSHIP OF PROJECT TO AGENCY OBJECTIVES

The College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities [CSSAH] is the largest college at Florida A&M University, housing nine (9) Departments and thirteen (13) degree granting programs. Also, CSSAH has the privilege of impacting each student that enters the University by offering the core general education courses in the areas of communication [English], social sciences [anthropology, history, political science, psychology, sociology] and humanities [art, English, music, theatre]. Freshmen and sophomore students comprise the majority of the general education courses, and a Social Science building is needed to house class rooms that accommodate 35 to 125 students. The Social Science building would also house appropriate related spaces such as faculty offices, labs, study carrels and meeting rooms.

It is evident that in today's educational environment, spaces that provide adaptable, multi-use configurations for new pedagogies are a necessity. A Social Science building would provide such a space for our students to connect to the world with an array of learning opportunities including research, internships, service learning, instruction, and experiential scholarship offered in CSSAH.

a. Will it improve the national ranking of a specific college; e.g. Music, Business?

Yes, a preliminary review of all 104 HBCUs indicated FAMU will be novel in the proposed degree/concentrations in the areas of Global Security and International Affairs, Forensic Science, Environmental Sociology and an online Bachelor's in Criminal Justice, thus, putting us in a position to gain national accord.

b. Will it allow for the creation of a new academic program?

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c. Will it create both new research capability and capacity; requiring material institutional support?

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The new facility will assist in the enhancement of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Security and International Affairs (GSIA). The addition of such a program at FAMU expands and diversifies the knowledge base within the field and to whom GSIA is researched and taught. Its addition to the FAMU inventory of degree programs will provide students majoring in the field with potential employment opportunities that span public, private and nonprofit sectors.

The facility will also provide a platform for the proposed Forensic Science concentration that will prepare our students for entry into the criminal justice fields by exposing them to some of the multidisciplinary sciences common to forensic practitioners, including behavior analysis, medicolegal death investigation, archaeology, and crime scene investigation. The requirements set forth in HR 5795, as well as by the American Academy of Forensic Science's educational program accreditation, will be at the forefront, setting FAMU apart from other national programs.

In addition, the facility will allow needed space for the collaborative effort with the School of the Environment, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice which proposes to offer a minor and/or concentration in Environmental Sociology.

As for the proposed online criminal justice degree (bachelor's) program, space will be needed in the new facility where new faculty offices with state-of-the-art technology is necessary.

These initiatives support the following University Strategic Goals:

Relationship of Project for Agency Objectives

Strategic Priority 1: Exceptional Student Experience

Goal 1: Enhance pathways to degree attainment
Goal 2: Achieve national distinction for success in retention and graduation rates
Goal 3: Increase the proportion of students completing high-impact co-curricular experiences to 60%
Goal 4: Increase the number of students graduating from programs in areas of high employer demand
Goal 5: Strategically enhance campus residence, athletics, recreational, instructional, and research facilities.

Strategic Priority 2: Excellent and Renowned Faculty

Goal 1: Promote faculty excellence by recruiting, supporting and retaining a diverse faculty with a commitment to teaching, research, and community engagement, consistent with a doctoral-research University.
Goal 2: Maintain and develop sustainable state of the art facilities that support the academic enterprise of the University.

Strategic Priority 3: High Impact Research, Commercialization, Outreach, and Extension Services

Goal 1: Expand and enhance cutting-edge research and creative scholarship for the benefit of the state of Florida, the nation and the world.
Goal 2: Increase research productivity, commercialization and return on investment.