

FINAL SCOPING DOCUMENT

FOR THE

University at Albany

Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurship Complex (ETEC)

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement



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INTRODUCTION

The State University Construction Fund (SUCF) is proposing to construct a state-of-the-art Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurship Complex (ETEC) as part of the State University of New York at Albany's (UAlbany) research, education, and economic development initiative (herein, the ETEC Project). This complex will serve as the new home of the University's new College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity (CEHC) as well as the home of the University's nationally recognized research and instruction in atmospheric sciences. The building will be designed to be a hub of innovation, co-locating researchers, instruction, entrepreneurs, and investors, providing the technology transfer and commercialization resources to drive economic growth, create jobs, and enhance New York's competitiveness in key industries. The ETEC Project is planned to give business access to various programmatic research clusters, providing advanced research facilities and fostering strategic partnerships in an environment that cultivates industry collaboration, accelerates commercialization and fuels future research.

Pursuant to New York State Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and Part 617 of Chapter 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR), SUCF intends to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the ETEC Project. The SEIS will build on and serve as a continuation of the SEQRA reviews previously conducted for the UAlbany Capital Projects Plan and

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) W. Averell Harriman State Office Building Campus (Harriman Campus), as further described below. In accordance with SEQRA, the SEIS will address specific potential environmental impacts which have not been adequately addressed in prior SEQRA reviews and can reasonably be anticipated. This scoping document identifies the significant environmental conditions and resources that may be affected by the ETEC Project, and defines the extent and quality of information necessary to address those issues.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND PRIOR SEQRA PROCEEDINGS

The proposed ETEC Project will be an approximately 236,000-square-foot building complex owned and operated by UAlbany that will be built on a 12-acre parcel on the Harriman Campus directly adjacent to the main/Uptown UAlbany Campus (see Project Location, attached). The jurisdiction for this parcel will be transferred to UAlbany to become part of its Uptown Campus prior to construction and operation of the new facility. The obligations to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate environmental impacts that are identified as part of the SEQRA review for the Project will also transfer to UAlbany. The ETEC will include state-of-the-art educational and research and development complex, on-site parking, vehicular and pedestrian access improvements and site amenities.

ETEC is intended to serve as a catalyst for advancements in research and technology development, co-locating university researchers, students, private partners, and business development services. ETEC programs, such as the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity (CEHC), the Atmospheric Science Research Center (ASRC), the Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Science (DAES), the private partners, Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Office for Innovation Development and Commercialization (OIDC) are anticipated to function at the ETEC location.

In 2010, UAlbany developed a Capital Project Plan (CPP) that encompassed the foreseeable capital needs of the Uptown campus over a five-year planning horizon. A Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) was prepared in 2010 and included an assessment of environmental impacts associated with the UAlbany CPP on the Uptown Campus. One of the proposed improvements discussed in this Plan was a Multi-Discipline Science Surge Building (Project #9), which was planned as a 150,000 gross square foot (gsf) building planned to provide space for science programs during renovations on the Academic Podium buildings.

In 2015, UAlbany proposed to modify the Capital Project Plan to replace the planned Multi-Discipline Science Surge building with the then planned ETEC facility on the Uptown Campus, which was proposed to be located adjacent to the existing Podium and Indian Quad buildings. This modification to the Capital Project Plan was addressed in a 2015 Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS). The size and use of the ETEC facility was expanded to include additional programming uses that were not proposed in 2010. It was re-designed to incorporate a different program emphasis, compatible with the University's 2012 Facility's Master Plan (FMP).

The then proposed ETEC facility discussed in the 2015 SGEIS included an approximately 219,000 gsf building planned to include the following programming: Atmospheric Science Research Center (ASRC), Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Science (DAES), Physics and other Science Research Clusters, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Office for Innovation Development and Commercialization (OIDC), Private Partnerships (Shell Space), Classrooms, Tech Services Support, and Lounge/Amenity.

Early in 2015 as the SGEIS was coming to conclusion, the University announced the creation of the new CEHC; and given the space needs of the new college, the synergies of the CEHC with the research and programs in ETEC, mitigation of concerns related to the first ETEC proposed site such as parking, constructability, and utility relocations, and the opportunity for ETEC to be closer to the other important New York State security operations located in adjacent buildings on Harriman, ETEC project planners, working with the OGS, have relocated the building to the Harriman 12-acre parcel to become an extension of the larger UAlbany campus.

SUCF's current proposed location for the ETEC is a 12-acre site in the southwest corner of the Harriman Campus, adjacent to (east of) the UAlbany Uptown Campus. The larger Harriman Campus, which is under the jurisdiction of the OGS, is a roughly 330-acre parcel with over 3 million square feet of office space. This campus is bordered by Washington Avenue to the north, residential and commercial properties followed by Western Avenue to the south, UAlbany to the west, and New York State Route 85 to the east.

The following terms are used throughout the document to describe the proposed action and previous reviews completed that are relevant to the ETEC Project:

- **2002 OGS DGEIS:** Office of General Services Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2002); included an assessment of environmental impacts associated with the redevelopment of the Harriman Campus, including the 12-acre parcel currently planned for the ETEC Project.
- **2002 OGS FGEIS:** Office of General Services Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2002); final environmental impact statement (EIS) associated with the redevelopment of the Harriman Campus, including the 12-acre parcel currently planned for the ETEC Project.
- **2010 CPP DGEIS:** SUNY Albany Capital Project Plan Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2010); included an assessment of environmental impacts associated with the UAlbany Capital Project Plan on the Uptown Campus.
- **2015 CPP DSGEIS:** SUNY Albany Capital Project Plan Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2015); included an assessment of environmental impacts associated with modifications to the UAlbany Capital Project Plan on the Uptown Campus, including the addition of the original ETEC proposal.

- **2015 CPP FSGEIS:** SUNY Albany Capital Project Plan Final Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (2015); final EIS associated with the modifications to the UAlbany Capital Project Plan, including the addition of the original ETEC proposal.
- **2015 CPP SGEIS Statement of Findings:** SUNY Albany Capital Project Plan Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement, Statement of Findings. The Findings document outlines UAlbany's SEQRA findings for the modifications to the Capital Project Plan and documents the environmental, socioeconomic and other factors and standards used in determining these findings.

The current ETEC Project is proposed to be located on a 12-acre parcel on the Harriman Campus currently under the jurisdiction of the OGS; however, the ETEC Project is being planning and constructed by the State University Construction Fund (SUCF). Therefore, SUCF is serving as Lead Agency for the completion of a SEIS to address environmental impacts associated with the ETEC development as described in this document.

PURPOSE OF THE SCOPING DOCUMENT IN SEQRA

The purpose of SEQRA is to incorporate the consideration of environmental factors into the existing planning, review and decision-making processes of state, regional, and local government agencies at the earliest possible time. To accomplish this goal, SEQRA requires a determination of whether a proposed action may have a significant impact on the environment, and if it is determined that the action may have a significant adverse impact, SEQRA requires the preparation of an EIS. It was the intention of the State Legislature that the protection and enhancement of the environment, human and community resources should be given appropriate weight with social and economic considerations, and that those factors be considered together in reaching decisions on proposed actions. It is not the intention of SEQRA that environmental factors be the sole consideration in decision-making.

Public scoping represents an initial step in the supplemental review of potential environmental impacts under SEQRA for the proposed ETEC Project. The primary goals of scoping are to focus the EIS on potentially significant impacts which have not been adequately addressed in the previous SEQRA reviews and to eliminate consideration of those impacts that are irrelevant or non-significant. A draft scoping document was released for public and agency review and comment on May 6, 2016. The draft scoping document was published on the UAlbany web site, and hard copies were made available at the UAlbany Uptown and Downtown campuses, as well as the Guilderland Public Library and the Pine Hills Branch Library. Notice of the availability of the draft scoping document and the associated upcoming public meeting was published in the Albany Times Union newspaper and on the UAlbany website on May 11, 2016. The purpose of the draft scoping document was to provide an opportunity for involved agencies, interested agencies, and the public to review and comment on the identification of significant environmental conditions and resources, including those which have not been adequately addressed in previous

SEQRA reviews and/or may be affected by the proposed action, and to identify the extent and quality of information necessary to address those issues during the SEQRA process. A public scoping meeting was held on May 25, 2016 at the UAlbany Uptown Campus SEFCU Arena Hall of Fame Room. The comment period ended on June 8, 2016.

No written comments on the draft scoping document were received. The sign-in sheet at the public scoping meeting on May 25, 2016 indicated attendance by 24 people. After a presentation of project information and the SEQRA process by representatives of the Lead Agency and their consultants, nine individuals provided oral comments: Steven Sokal, Kim McGan, John Waterson, Frank Commisso, Jr., Sharon Phillips, Loch Phillips, Nancy Harrigan, Vince Riguso, and Debbie Waterson.

The public meeting was recorded by a stenographer. The stenographer's transcript of the public meeting is included as Attachment D to this Final Scoping Document. A transcript of the public hearing is also available in .pdf format on the following website maintained by the Lead Agency: <http://www.albany.edu/facilities/dgeis/uptown.html>. Many comments addressed issues already identified within the draft scoping document. Substantive issues raised in public scoping comments included stormwater management, construction noise, vibrations from pile driving for foundation installations, traffic, economic impacts, open space, and cumulative impacts. A Responsiveness Summary with a list of individual comments and responses to each comment is included as Attachment E to this Final Scoping Document. The final scoping document considers comments or input received during the comment period and at the scoping meeting, as incorporated in the following.

CONTENTS OF THE SEIS

The SEIS will include the elements required by 6 NYCRR 617.9, including:

- i. **SEIS Cover Sheet.** All draft and final EISs must be preceded by a cover sheet stating whether it is a draft or final EIS; the name or descriptive title of the action; the location (county and town, village or city) and street address, if applicable, of the action; the name and address of the Lead Agency and the name and telephone number of a person at the agency who can provide further information; the names of individuals or organizations that prepared the EIS; the date of its acceptance by the Lead Agency; and in the case of a draft EIS, the date by which comments must be submitted.
- ii. **SEIS Table of Contents.** The table of contents will include listings of SEIS sections, tables, figures, maps, appendices, attachments and items that may be submitted under separate cover (and identified as such).

In addition, the SEIS shall include the following sections:

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The executive summary will include a brief description of the proposed action and a listing of potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures. A summary will also be provided of the approvals and permits required, and the alternatives to the proposed action that are evaluated within the SEIS.

As discussed above, the proposed ETEC Project will be an approximately 236,000-square-foot building complex owned and operated by UAlbany that will be built on a 12-acre parcel on the Harriman Campus directly adjacent to the main/Uptown UAlbany Campus. The ETEC will include state-of-the-art educational and research and development complex, on-site parking, vehicular and pedestrian access improvements and site amenities.

Alternatives to the proposed ETEC Project were discussed in detail in the previous EIS reports identified above, including a proposed science building on the UAlbany Campus, and a proposed ETEC facility with reduced programming on the UAlbany Campus.

Potential environmental impacts identified based on the selected alternative of constructing the ETEC facility on the Harriman Campus will be noted in the SEIS.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

As described in more detail in the following sections, this chapter of the SEIS will include a comprehensive description of the site and will provide a detailed discussion of the proposed development utilizing currently available information.

2.1 Site Description

This section of the SEIS will characterize the size, geographic boundaries, and physiographic characteristics of the ETEC Project site. The relationship of the proposed ETEC Project to the existing state office buildings on the Harriman Campus and nearby University facilities on the adjacent University at Albany Uptown Campus will be described. Additionally, the location in relation to nearby residential areas in the City of Albany and the Town of Guilderland, as well as recognized or protected natural or man-made features will be described. The dominant land use within and adjacent to the ETEC Project site will also be discussed.

More detailed descriptions of these resources and potential impacts and their relationship to those discussed in the previous SEQRA documents will be analyzed in dedicated sections of Chapter 3, as discussed below.

2.2 Detailed Description of the Proposed Action

The purpose, size, and layout of the proposed ETEC Project will be described in this section of the SEIS. Available maps, graphics, renderings, and/or plans will be provided showing the proposed location of the ETEC facility, including the building, site access, parking areas, lawns/landscaping, and associated utilities.

The Project plans have been revised since the preparation of the prior 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, the 2010 CPP DGEIS, and the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS. The revised plans include a larger ETEC facility than noted in the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS. Additionally, the proposed ETEC Project location is approximately one-third mile east from the project location studied in the previous 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS. The programming for the facility has also been revised since the previous EIS reports.

The SEIS will include details on the current plans for the ETEC facility, including the size, layout, and location of the proposed facility and associated infrastructure.

2.3 Project Purpose, Need and Benefits

A statement describing the purpose and need for the ETEC Project will be provided, along with background and history of the project. This section will also include a brief overview of the environmental, social and/or economic benefits that are anticipated to result from the ETEC Project. This will include an estimate of employment opportunities (both temporary construction jobs and permanent staff jobs) that are anticipated to result from the ETEC Project.

The purpose of the ETEC facility was discussed in the 2010 CPP DGEIS and the 2015 CPP DSGEIS, which discussed the construction of the facility on the UAlbany campus. The 2010 CPP DGEIS addressed the SUNY Capital Project Plan, which included a list of 13 individual planned capital projects for the UAlbany Campus. From this list, item 9, a Multi-Discipline Science Surge Building, was modified in the 2015 CPP DSGEIS and re-named as the proposed ETEC facility. Per the 2015 CPP DSGEIS, the programming of the ETEC was modified to better align with the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) that was developed in 2012 for UAlbany. The FMP process noted the need for a science building with a different program emphasis. In accordance with the FMP and the "NYSUNY 2020 Challenge" planning document for the University, the programming, size, and use of the ETEC was revised, as discussed in detail in the 2015 CPP DSGEIS.

The current plans for the ETEC facility have been further refined based on the need to house the CEHC in ETEC alongside other complementary programs such as the atmospheric and weather researchers in the location on the Harriman Campus. A discussion of the purpose, need, and benefit based on the current ETEC Project layout and programming plans will be included in this section of the SEIS.

2.4 Construction and Operation

This section of the SEIS will describe construction of the proposed ETEC Project, including construction schedule/duration, construction staging and parking, anticipated construction employment, construction sequencing, and routing of construction traffic along local roads. The construction schedule will be compliant with the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) General Permit.

Construction and operational impacts of the ETEC facility are expected to be largely consistent with the impacts discussed in the 2015 CPP DSGEIS. However, based on the new ETEC Project location on the Harriman Campus, the location of these impacts will change and so will be discussed in the SEIS. Construction impacts on residences in nearby neighborhoods, including potential noise impacts and vibrations from pile driving for foundations, will be discussed in the SEIS.

2.5 Reviews, Approvals and Other Compliance Determinations

Governmental agencies having approval over the ETEC Project will be listed in this section, with explanation of the nature of their jurisdiction and the specific approvals required from each listed entity. In addition, the details associated with the SEQRA process for the proposed action will be included, along with a discussion of agency and public review and participation.

Note that governmental agency reviews and approvals required for the ETEC Project are expected to be largely similar to those outlined in the 2015 CPP DSGEIS and the 2015 CPP FGSEIS.

3.0 EXISTING CONDITIONS, POTENTIAL IMPACTS, AND MITIGATION MEASURES

With respect to each issue (or set of issues) described below in the various resource sections, the corresponding section of the SEIS will identify in sequence: the existing environmental conditions; the potential impacts of the proposed ETEC Project; and anticipated measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate those impacts, as appropriate. The impacts and mitigation measures presented in these sections will include those related to the proposed ETEC building's operation as well as its construction. Each section will identify whether anticipated impacts will need to be described and evaluated in detail in this document or if they are anticipated to be less than or unchanged from those described in the earlier SEQRA studies analyzing this action. If it is determined that no new impacts in that section need to be evaluated in the document, the analysis from previous documents will be summarized and incorporated by reference into the SEIS.

Where one of these sections identifies multiple related issues (e.g., Section 3.1; Geology, Soils, and Topography), the section will first describe the existing conditions regarding all of these multiple related issues before then

describing the related potential impacts. The discussion of impacts related to the multiple issues included within the section will then be followed by a review and discussion of related mitigation measures.

The text of these sections will be supplemented with maps, graphics, agency correspondence and agency data/analyses, Geographic Information System (GIS) data and newly prepared support studies, as necessary, to convey the required information.

3.1 Geology, Soils, and Topography

This section will evaluate and describe topography, surface and subsurface soils, and bedrock conditions within the ETEC Project site. Potential impacts to soils could result from excavation and grading for construction of the new building, site restoration, and landscaping. Potential topographical issues include changes in slope during or after construction that could alter drainage patterns and potentially increase runoff. This section will also describe mitigation measures that will be used to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential impacts to geology, soils, and topography, including an approved erosion and sediment control plan.

The 2002 OGS DGEIS includes detailed discussions of the geology, soils, and topography located on the entire Harriman Campus, including the 12-acre parcel that is currently proposed for the ETEC facility. Additionally, the proposed ETEC Project location is approximately one-third mile east from the project location studied in the previous 2015 CPP DSGEIS and FSGEIS. The SEIS will summarize the existing conditions specific to geology, soils and topography at the parcel proposed to be occupied by the ETEC facility, which is located on the southwest portion of the Harriman Campus.

Based on the revised ETEC Project location, site specific support studies will be prepared as follows:

- *Preliminary SWPPP*: This document will describe measures for controlling runoff and pollutants from the ETEC Project site during and after construction activities. Typical components of SWPPPs include measures that reduce or eliminate erosion and sedimentation, control volume and peak rate of stormwater runoff, and maintain stormwater controls during and after completion of construction. A Preliminary SWPPP will be included as an Appendix to the SEIS.

3.2 Water Resources

This section of the document will describe existing conditions of water resources in the vicinity of the ETEC Project area. Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS, as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FSGEIS, there

are no significant changes to the conditions of water resources in the area. Therefore, a summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be included in the SEIS.

Surface Waters

This section of the document will describe existing conditions of surface waters in the vicinity of the ETEC Project area. No surface water bodies such as rivers, streams, lakes, or reservoirs are present on the proposed ETEC Project parcel. Impacts to surface water are expected to be minimal, and limited to stormwater flow. Stormwater flow management will be incorporated into the ETEC Project plans, and will be in accordance with a site-specific SWPPP in order to mitigate impacts. A short summary of the corresponding sections of the previous reports and reference to that material and the Preliminary SWPPP will be included in the SEIS.

Groundwater

This section of the document will describe existing conditions of groundwater in the vicinity of the ETEC Project area. As indicated in the previous EIS reports, groundwater in the vicinity is relatively shallow. Design and construction of the ETEC Project will be conducted in accordance with applicable regulations, guidelines, and policies, and with the Stormwater Management Plan for the University and the site-specific SWPPP in order to mitigate impacts to groundwater. A short summary of the corresponding sections of the previous reports and reference to that material and the Preliminary SWPPP will be included in the SEIS.

Floodplains and Floodways

This section of the document will describe existing conditions of floodplains and floodways in the vicinity of the ETEC Project area. As indicated in the previous EIS reports, the ETEC Project parcel is not located within a mapped 100-year floodplain or floodway. However, flooding concerns due to drainage of stormwater runoff have been identified in the vicinity. Design and construction of the ETEC Project will be conducted in accordance with the Stormwater Management Plan for the University and the site-specific SWPPP in order to avoid increasing flooding concerns. A short summary of the corresponding sections of the previous reports and reference to that material and the Preliminary SWPPP will be included in the SEIS.

Stormwater

The SEIS will describe anticipated construction related impacts to drainage, stormwater runoff, and consequent effects upon water quality in the vicinity of the construction site.

As noted in the 2015 CPP DSGEIS, the University developed a “Sanitary Master Plan” and a “Stormwater Master Plan” (Chazen and O’Brien & Gere 2014), which better integrate the 2010 UAlbany Capital Project Plan, the

Facilities Master Plan, and wastewater and stormwater management. The Stormwater Master Plan combines the information from Woodard & Curran's Stormwater Reports dated 2008, for the Uptown Campus, with additional information obtained as part of the field investigation performed, and provides recommendations and construction cost estimates for improvements to the University's stormwater system. The 2002 OGS DGEIS and the 2002 OGS FGEIS discuss stormwater management on the Harriman Campus. A summary of the findings and recommendations of these previous reports, as they relate to the proposed ETEC Project development on the Harriman Campus, and an update on which recommendations from these reports have been implemented, will be incorporated into the SEIS.

Stormwater management was identified as a concern at the public scoping meeting, as drainage and flooding issues are pre-existing concerns for nearby residents. This issue will be addressed through the design process and discussed in the SEIS, including potential on-site stormwater management infrastructure such as holding tanks and/or ponds. Green infrastructure techniques will also be considered as means to avoid and/or minimize potential stormwater impacts.

This section will also be informed by the Preliminary SWPPP, to be developed and approved prior to construction, which will include the following:

- *Preliminary SWPPP*: This document will describe measures for controlling runoff and pollutants from the ETEC Project site during and after construction activities. Typical components of SWPPPs include measures that reduce or eliminate erosion and sedimentation, control volume and peak rate of stormwater runoff, and maintain stormwater controls during and after completion of construction. A Preliminary SWPPP will be included as an Appendix to the SEIS.

3.3 Climate and Air Quality

This section of the document will describe existing conditions of climate and air quality in the vicinity of the ETEC Project area, and discuss the potential impacts that could occur during construction or operation. Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, there are no significant changes to the existing conditions; however, anticipated impacts to climate and air quality from operations at the proposed ETEC Project will be discussed in the SEIS.

As noted in the 2015 CPP DSGEIS, climate change and air quality impacts include impacts from construction and operation related greenhouse gas emissions as well as a reduction in natural vegetation due to clearing. The University has prepared a Climate Action Plan (UAlbany 2010) as part of a commitment to the reduction of

greenhouse gas emissions. The design, construction, and operation of the ETEC facility will adhere to several energy-reducing measures in order to meet the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as noted in the 2015 CPP DSGEIS.

A summary of the findings and recommendations of these previous reports and plans, as they relate to the proposed ETEC Project development on the Harriman Campus, as well as a summary of the anticipated impacts of the proposed ETEC facility, will be incorporated into the SEIS.

3.4 Biological, Terrestrial, and Aquatic Ecology

The section will describe the dominant plant species, ecological communities, wildlife species, and available habitat within the ETEC Project site. In addition, known occurrences of state- or federally-listed plant or animal species (or available habitat for such species) will be identified.

Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS, as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, there are no significant changes to the general conditions of biological, terrestrial, and aquatic ecology in the area. According to the 2002 OGS DGEIS, the majority of ecosystems present on the larger Harriman Campus have been created or maintained by human activities, or modified by human influence to a significant degree. These areas are primarily characterized as mowed roadside, mowed lawn, paved road, urban structures, and planted landscaping. A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be discussed in the SEIS.

The 12-acre parcel on the Harriman Campus that is planned to be developed as the ETEC facility includes mowed lawn and a small wooded area. Since the issuance of the previous EIS reports, new threatened and endangered species have been listed for New York (specifically, the Northern Long Eared Bat with a range of all of New York State, and the Indiana Bat with a wide range in New York State).

Based on the revised project location and updated listings for threatened and endangered species in New York, an updated discussion of the impacts of the ETEC Project on ecological resources, in particular, threatened and endangered species, will be included in the SEIS. Potential impacts associated with the proposed ETEC Project will be identified and evaluated relative to existing conditions. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to ecological resources will also be included. Agency correspondence related to state- or federally-listed plant or animal species will be included in an Appendix to the SEIS.

3.5 Aesthetic/Visual Resources

This section will describe the existing visual character in the vicinity of the ETEC Project site, evaluate visual impacts associated with construction and operation of the proposed ETEC facility, and recommend measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts to aesthetic resources.

Existing conditions relative to aesthetic/visual resources in the Project vicinity are described in the 2010 CPP DGEIS and the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, as well as the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS. A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be discussed in the SEIS.

However, based on the revised project location and design, a site specific study to evaluate the ETEC Project's potential effect on aesthetic resources will be included in the SEIS and will include the following:

- *Visual Assessment:* A visual assessment will be conducted that will include identification of visually sensitive sites and/or critical views within 0.5 mile of the proposed ETEC facility, including the residential neighborhoods south of the Harriman Campus. Photographs will be taken to document existing views toward the ETEC Project from representative public vantage points. In addition, computer-generated renderings will be prepared to depict the appearance of the completed ETEC Project and assist in the evaluation of visual impacts. The results of the visual assessment will be included in the applicable section(s) of the SEIS.

3.6 Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources

The section will identify sites, structures, and districts with significant historic and/or archaeological value within or adjacent to the ETEC Project site, evaluate potential adverse impacts on historic and archaeological resources, and recommend measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts to cultural resources.

Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, there are no significant changes to the existing conditions of cultural resources in the area. A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be discussed in the SEIS. The site is understood to have been disturbed in the past for prior construction. However, no site-specific field investigation (i.e., Phase I Archaeological Survey) was previously conducted for the proposed Project site; therefore, a site-specific cultural resources investigation will be included in the SEIS.

The analysis contained in the SEIS will include the following:

- *Phase I Archaeological Survey:* Based on preliminary review of the 2002 OGS GEIS for the Harriman Campus, the ETEC Project site is within an area that was identified by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP)/State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as requiring an archaeological investigation prior to development. Therefore, a Phase 1 Archaeological Survey has been initiated for the ETEC Project site. The Phase 1 Archaeological Survey is being conducted under the supervision of a Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA) in accordance with the New York Archaeological Council's *Standards for Cultural Resources Investigations and the Curation of Archaeological Collections in New York State* (the NYAC Standards) and the New York State Historic Preservation Office *Phase 1 Archaeological Report Formal Requirements* (the SHPO Guidelines). The Phase I Archaeological Survey will be included as an Appendix to the SEIS and the results of the survey will be summarized in the corresponding section of the SEIS.

3.7 Open Space and Recreation

The section of the SEIS will document the current use of the ETEC Project site in terms of open space and recreation, and describe the anticipated effects upon such use in the area.

Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, there are no significant changes to the conditions of or anticipated impacts to open space and recreation from the proposed ETEC Project. As noted in the 2002 OGS DGEIS, no public parks or recreational facilities are located on or immediately adjacent to the Harriman Campus. However, landscaped areas of the Harriman Campus are used for informal recreational activities.

A summary of the findings and recommendations of these previous reports and plans, as they relate to the proposed ETEC Project development on the Harriman Campus, will be incorporated into the SEIS.

3.8 Traffic and Transportation

This section of the SEIS will document existing vehicular use of the ETEC Project site and vicinity, describe the anticipated effects of the proposed ETEC Project on transportation-related use and infrastructure, and recommend measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts.

Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, there are no significant changes to the existing conditions of traffic and transportation-related use and infrastructure in the area.

A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be discussed in the SEIS.

Traffic impacts of the proposed ETEC Project were identified as a concern during the public scoping meeting for this Project. The SEIS will discuss the anticipated traffic impacts of the proposed Project in relation to nearby neighborhoods.

The SEIS will also include a discussion of projects currently being proposed by the Capital Districts Transportation Authority (CDTA), including a rapid transit bus line that will connect the Harriman Campus to UAlbany, downtown Albany, and the Crossgates Mall.

In addition, based on the revised project location, a site specific support study to evaluate the development of the ETEC facility on the Harriman Campus will include the following:

- *Traffic Assessment:* A traffic study will be conducted for the vicinity of the ETEC Project site. Components of the study will include analysis of baseline conditions and projected growth of traffic volume for the proposed ETEC Project. The components of the analysis will include Automatic Traffic Recorders (ATRs) on the ring roads that circulate around the Harriman Campus, and between the Harriman Campus and UAlbany Campus. Additionally, intersection counts will be performed at multiple intersections located in close proximity to the proposed ETEC facility. The potential development of a pedestrian crossing signal between the Harriman Campus and the UAlbany Campus will be discussed, and its resulting impacts on pedestrian safety, as well as impacts on traffic flow. A report summarizing the results and findings of the Traffic Assessment will be included as an Appendix to the SEIS and the results of the analysis will be summarized in the corresponding section of the SEIS.

3.9 Noise and Odor

This section will generally describe existing conditions at the ETEC Project site relative to noise and odor, evaluate associated impacts, and discuss measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate such impacts.

Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, there are no significant changes to the existing conditions and anticipated impacts on noise and odor related to the ETEC Project. Impacts in this section are expected to be primarily related to construction activities, including equipment operation and construction vehicles. Consistent with the 2010 CPP DGEIS, Construction activities are expected to be minimal, localized, and short-term in duration, and will be restricted to typical daytime working hours. Construction operations will adhere to applicable regulatory requirements, including City of Albany Codes. In

addition, potential noise impacts related to building mechanical systems and emergency generators during the operation of the building will be considered in the SEIS.

Significant adverse impacts from noise and odor impacts are not expected. A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be included in the SEIS.

Construction noise was identified as a concern for neighbors during the scoping meeting for this Project. The SEIS will therefore also include a discussion of construction noise impacts on residences located in the vicinity of the proposed ETEC facility.

3.10 Public Health and Safety

This section will generally describe existing conditions at the ETEC Project site relative to public health and safety, evaluate associated impacts, and discuss mitigation measures to minimize such impacts.

Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, there are no significant changes to the existing conditions and anticipated impacts on public health and safety related to the ETEC Project. Impacts discussed in this section are primarily related to demands on local fire, police, and medical services. Development of the ETEC facility will create additional demands on these services, both during the construction and operational phases. However, the impact on these services is not expected to create a significant increase in the amount or type of service requests. As noted in the 2015 CPP DSGEIS, mitigation measures are planned in order to minimize the impact on these services, such as adherence to safety plans and a traffic plan.

Significant adverse impacts on public health and safety are not expected from the ETEC Project. A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be included in the SEIS.

3.11 Land Use and Zoning

This section will describe the existing character of the ETEC Project site and adjacent community and review relevant planning documents that have been previously prepared and adopted for the vicinity. Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, there are no significant changes to the existing conditions and anticipated impacts on land use and zoning related to the ETEC Project.

The State University Construction Fund is a state agency; therefore, approval of the ETEC Project by a local municipality is not required under state law. However, as noted in the 2015 CPP DSGEIS, the "Albany 2030: The

City of Albany Comprehensive Plan” (City of Albany 2012) refers in several places to the benefits of the University and its developing technology resources. Additionally, the development of the ETEC facility is identified in the DSGEIS as consistent with campus land use plans and zoning.

Significant adverse impacts on land use and zoning are not expected from the ETEC Project. A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be included in the SEIS.

3.12 Growth and Character of the Community

This section will describe the existing character of the ETEC Project site and adjacent community. The SEIS will identify how the proposed ETEC Project may impact the character of the community, and mitigation measures will be identified, as needed.

Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, there are no significant changes to the existing conditions and anticipated impacts on growth and character of the community related to the ETEC Project. Development of the ETEC Project is compatible with the nature of development sought for the Harriman Campus, as discussed in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS. Specifically, the proposed facility will create a beneficial link between the Harriman Campus and UAlbany, and will help transform the campus into a research, education, and technology center, providing research opportunities and creating high-end well paid jobs for the area.

Construction-related activities will result in community character impacts that will be temporary and localized. As discussed in the 2015 UAlbany SGEIS, mitigation measures will be utilized to minimize these impacts. Operational impacts of the proposed ETEC Project are expected to be primarily positive, particularly the socioeconomic impacts of the ETEC Project.

Economic impacts of the Project, in particular property values and construction of non-taxable development, was identified as a concern during the scoping meeting for this Project. The SEIS will therefore also include a discussion of economic impacts on residences located in the vicinity of the proposed ETEC facility, as well as economic impacts on the City of Albany.

Significant adverse impacts on growth and character of the community are not expected from the ETEC Project. A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be included in the SEIS.

3.13 Community Facilities and Services

The SEIS will describe existing community services, including local police, fire and emergency service, solid waste management, and infrastructure services including wastewater treatment and potable water. Information will be based on publicly available data, personal communications with service providers, and/or review of pertinent literature. The SEIS will identify how the proposed Project may impact these services, and mitigation measures will be identified, as needed.

Due to its proximity to the site studied in the 2010 CPP DGEIS as well as the 2015 CPP DSGEIS/FSGEIS, and the location of the facility within the Harriman Campus that was studied in the 2002 OGS DGEIS/FGEIS, there are no significant changes to the existing conditions and anticipated impacts on community facilities and services related to the ETEC Project.

Development of the ETEC facility will create additional demands on community services, including police, fire, and emergency services, both during the construction and operational phases. However, the impact on these services is not expected to create a significant increase in the amount or type of service requests. Solid waste will be managed consistent with solid waste management on other portions of the Harriman Campus, and the ETEC Project will be served by the City of Albany Water System and the Albany County Sewer District. Utilities will be expanded as necessary to meet the ETEC Project needs.

Significant adverse impacts on community facilities and services are not expected from the ETEC Project. A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be included in the SEIS, as well as a discussion of expansions on services that are necessary to meet the ETEC Project needs.

4.0 UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE IMPACTS

This section of the SEIS will identify impacts that are likely to occur despite mitigation measures, and will compare these unavoidable impacts to project-related benefits. This section will also identify general avoidance and mitigation measures (e.g., adherence to applicable regulatory requirements), and specific mitigation measures (e.g., development of a SWPPP). A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be discussed in the SEIS.

5.0 ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

The SEIS will include a description and evaluation of the range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Alternatives to be considered will include the “no action” alternative and may include other alternatives that would rely upon alternate ETEC Project locations or alternate ETEC Project designs.

Alternatives to the proposed ETEC Project including a proposed science building on the UAlbany Campus, and a proposed ETEC facility with reduced programming on the UAlbany Campus, and additional alternatives to each of these plans, were discussed in detail in the previous EIS reports. A summary of the previous locations considered for the ETEC facility as well as previously considered programming will be discussed in the SEIS. Alternative project designs for the ETEC Project that have been considered in the development of the facility at its current location will also be discussed in the SEIS.

6.0 IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

This section of the SEIS will identify those natural and man-made resources consumed, converted, or otherwise made unavailable for future use as a consequence of the proposed ETEC Project. As noted in the 2015 UAlbany DSGEIS, the construction of the proposed ETEC Project will require the commitment of land, materials, and infrastructure and services. The amount of these resources will depend on the final design selected for the ETEC Project. The SEIS will discuss the commitment of these resources; however, consistent with the DSGEIS, significant adverse impacts are not expected. A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be discussed in the SEIS.

7.0 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The SEIS will evaluate the potential cumulative impacts of the proposed ETEC Project along with other relevant projects developed or proposed in the area. Specifically, this section will include a discussion of projects currently being proposed by the OGS on the Harriman Campus as well as improvements planned by the Capital Districts Transportation Authority (CDTA).

8.0 GROWTH INDUCING ASPECTS

This section of the SEIS will describe potential growth-inducing aspects the proposed facility may have with respect to additional development in the vicinity of the ETEC Project site. Consistent with the 2015 UAlbany DSGEIS, growth in employment from both construction and operation of the ETEC facility is anticipated. The ETEC Project will also create enhanced educational opportunities, and will increase demands on support facilities (i.e., hotels, restaurants, etc.) in the vicinity. A summary of the corresponding sections of the previous EIS reports and reference to that material will be discussed in the SEIS.

9.0 EFFECTS ON THE USE AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES

This section of the SEIS will describe the effect of the proposed ETEC Project on the use and conservation of energy. Note that as discussed in the previous EIS reports, the ETEC Project area is served by existing

underground electrical transmission lines and natural gas mains. Service connections will be extended as needed. Additionally, infrastructure improvements including a new underground electrical ductbank is proposed in the area as part of the Capital Project Plan. A discussion of these measures as well as energy conservation measures that will be incorporated into the design of the project will be discussed in this section of the SEIS.

10.0 REFERENCES

This section of the SEIS will list sources of information cited directly within the narrative text.

APPENDICES TO ACCOMPANY SEIS

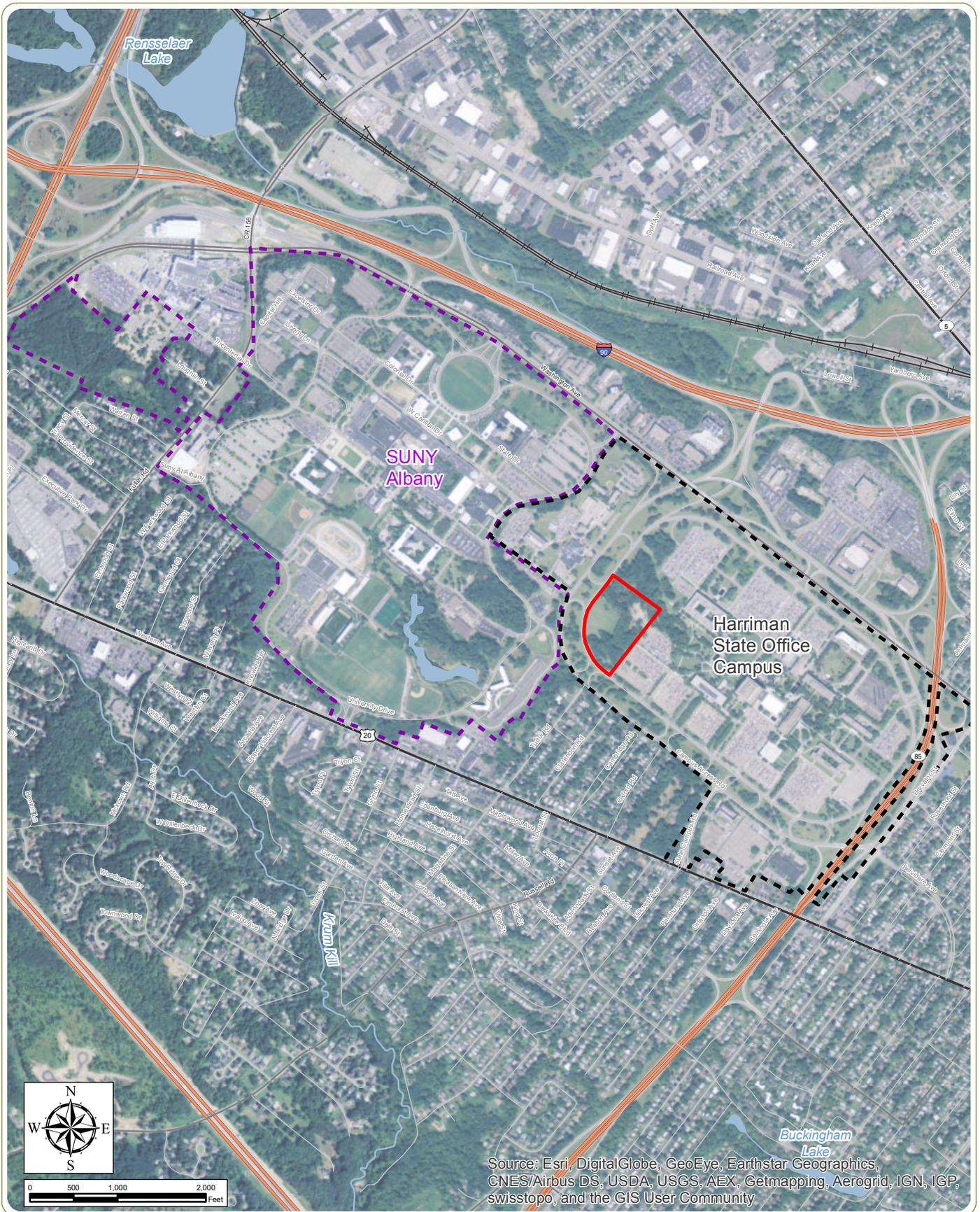
At a minimum, and as described in more detail in the previous sections, the following materials will be included to supplement the information presented within the narrative:

- Relevant maps and figures
- Project plans, specifications, and/or construction information
- Preliminary Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
- Relevant agency correspondence
- Phase I Archaeological Survey
- Traffic Impact Analysis

ATTACHMENTS TO THE FINAL SCOPING DOCUMENT

- A. Project Location Map
- B. Notice of Public Scoping Meeting
- C. Proof of Public Notice in Albany Times Union
- D. Transcript from Public Scoping Meeting
- E. Responsiveness Summary

ATTACHMENT A: Project Location Map



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

SUNY Albany ETEC
City of Albany, Albany County

Project Location
May 2016

Notes: 1. Basemap: ESRI ArcGIS Online "World Imagery" Basemap Service and ESRI StreetMap North America, 2012.
2. This is a color graphic. Reproduction in grayscale may misrepresent the data.

 ETEC Project Site



ATTACHMENT B: Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)

- Lead Agency:** State University Construction Fund
- Name of Action:** University at Albany Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurship Complex (ETEC), located off Washington Avenue on the New York State Office of General Services W. Averell Harriman State Office Building Campus, in Albany, Albany County, New York.
- Purpose of Meeting:** To provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the identification of specific issues and environmental impacts that should be addressed in a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the ETEC Project.
- Meeting Time and Date:** 6:00-7:00pm on Wednesday May 25, 2016.
Upon arrival, please register if you would like to speak.
- Meeting Location:** University at Albany Uptown Campus, SEFCU Arena Hall of Fame Room (located on main lobby floor)
*Free parking available to the south of the SEFCU Arena.
*Handicap parking available to the west of the SEFCU Arena.
- Draft Scoping Document:** A Draft Scoping Document is available online for public review and comment: <http://www.albany.edu/facilities/dgeis/uptown.html>
Hard copies are available for public review at:
Uptown Campus: Office of Facilities Management, Service Building A, Reception Area, Room 212, 1400 Washington Avenue
Downtown Campus: Hawley Hall, Dewey Graduate Library Circulation Desk, 135 Western Avenue
Guilderland Public Library: 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland
The Draft Scoping Document identifies the significant environmental conditions and resources that are proposed to be addressed in the SEIS.
- Conduct of Meeting:** Sign-up cards will be available for persons wishing to speak, and a stenographic record will be made of the comments presented. The meeting will not be a question and answer session, but is intended to provide as many people as possible with the opportunity to provide meaningful comments specific to the scope and content of the SEIS. The meeting coordinator will call speakers in turn, and if necessary, will set appropriate time limits. Written comments will also be accepted.
- Comment Deadline:** Comments regarding issues to be addressed in the SEIS for the ETEC Project will be accepted until 5:00 pm on June 8, 2016. Written comments will be given the same consideration as oral comments made at the public scoping meeting. Please send written comments to the State University Construction Fund, Attention: Peggy McSorley, 353 Broadway, Albany, NY 12246 or via email to Peggy.McSorley@suny.edu. Please include your name and address when submitting a comment (no anonymous comments will be accepted).
- Future Steps:** A Final Scoping Document is expected to be completed in June, 2016, based on full consideration of the comments submitted on the Draft Scoping Document. Subsequently, a SEIS will be prepared in accordance with the Final Scoping Document, and will contain detailed information regarding the proposed action, potential environmental impacts, and appropriate measures to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate any significant impacts encountered. The SEIS will be made available for public review and comment following its acceptance by the Lead Agency. Following public review and comment on the SEIS, the SEQRA process cannot be concluded until a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) is prepared followed by issuance of a Findings Statement by the Lead Agency.

ATTACHMENT C: Proof of Public Notice in Albany Times Union

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05-11-2016

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Sworn to before me, this Thursday, May 12, 2016

TRACI RABIDOU
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
Qualified in Albany County
No. 01RA6319968
Commission Expires March 2, 2019

Traci Rabidou

Notary Public
Albany County

**NYSEQRA PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY EMERGING
TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPLEX (ETEC) SEIS**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Albany SuperStorage wishing to avail themselves of the provision under the said "New York Self-Service Storage Facility Act (§ 162), hereby gives notice of sale under said act to wit; on May 19th at Albany SuperStorage, 44 Broadway, Albany, NY 12202 @ 11:00 AM on that day, will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder, for cash only, of the contents of spaces:

- #1073 James Baker Household Goods
- #2065 Latoya Lacey Household Goods
- #2125 Timothy Powell Household Goods
- #2137 Daniel Trianni Household Goods
- #3025 Michelle Jones Household Goods
- #3041 Teon Bethea Household Goods
- #3054 Jamie Dantzier Household Goods
- #3096 Demair Garrett Household Goods
- #3103 Lyrice Money Household Goods
- #3142 Jocelyn Moore Household Goods
- #4039 Cherain Smith Household Goods
- #4074 Katherine Shumway Household Goods
- #4081 Ashley Miller Household Goods
- #4117 Hugh Robinson Household Goods

This sale is being made to satisfy the land-lords lien. The public is invited to attend. Sale is subject to adjournment. Reserve the right to cancel public sale.

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Sealed bids will be received as set forth in instructions to bidders until 10:30 a.m. on June 02, 2016 at the NYSDOT, Contract Management Bureau, 50 WOLF RD, 1ST FLOOR, SUITE 1CM, ALBANY, NY 12232 and will be publicly opened and read. Bids may also be submitted via the internet using Bid Express (www.bidx.com).

TU 2t (878147)

A certified or cashier's check payable to the NYS Dept. of Transportation for the sum specified in the proposal or a bid bond, FORM CONR 391, representing 25% of the bid total, must accompany each bid. NYSDOT reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Electronic documents and Amendments are posted to www.dot.ny.gov/doing-business/opportunities/const-notices

Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all Amendments are incorporated into its bid. To receive notification of Amendments via e-mail you must submit a request to be placed on the Planholders List at www.dot.ny.gov/doing-business/opportunities/const-planholder. Amendment may have been issued prior to your placement on the Planholders list.

NYS Finance Law restricts communication with NYSDOT on procurements and contact can only be made with designated persons. Contact with non-designated persons or other involved Agencies will be considered a serious matter and may result in disqualification. Contact Maria Tamarkin (518) 457-8403.

Contracts with 0% Goals are generally single operation contracts, where sub-contracting is not expected, and may present direct bidding opportunities for Small Business Firms, including, but not limited to, D/W/MBEs.

The Contractor must comply with the Regulation relative to non-discrimination in federally-assisted programs of the USDOT 49 CFR 21.

Please call (518) 457-3583 if a reasonable accommodation is needed to participate in the letting.

Reg. 08, Todd Westhuis, Acting Regional Director, 4 Burnett Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

D263201, PIN 8811.87, F.A. Proj. ZS30-8811-873, Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Ulster & Westchester Cos., Striping Centerline plus Installing & Sealing Centerline Audible Roadway Delineators (CARDS) at Various Locations, Bid Deposit \$75,000.00., NO PLANS. Goals: DBE 0%

TU 2t (878929)

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY Plaintiff designates ALBANY as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 66 GLENDALE AVENUE ALBANY, NY 12208 Section: 75.44 Block: 1 Lot: 9 INDEX NO. 901403/2015

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES GAVIN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DIANE F. GAVIN; JAMES GAVIN, JR., AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DIANE F. GAVIN; DOROTHY GAVIN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DIANE F. GAVIN; MICHAEL GAVIN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DIANE F. GAVIN, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignors of all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY A/K/A ST. PETERS HOSPITAL, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ALBANY MidFirst Bank, Plaintiff AGAINST John Dodge a/k/a John L. Dodge, Jennifer Dodge a/k/a Jennifer C. Dodge, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 8-19-2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Albany County Courthouse, 16 Eagle St., Albany, NY on 6-8-2016 at 10:00AM, premises known as 10 Lighthall Avenue, Cohoes, NY 12047. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Cohoes, County of Albany, State of New York, SECTION: 10.09, BLOCK: 3, LOT: 11. Approximate amount of judgment \$98,866.94 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: A00168/2014. Robert Bugbee, Esq, Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-069437-F00

TU 4t (877136)

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ALBANY Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Cathy M. Reynolds, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2-1-2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Albany County Courthouse, 16 Eagle Street, State of New York on 5-25-2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 6 North Manning Boulevard, Albany, NY 12206. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Albany, County of Albany, and State of New York, SECTION: 65.37, BLOCK: 1, LOT: 18 Approximate amount of judgment \$174,272.10 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: A00175/2014 Douglas A. Eldridge, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-068680-F00

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF

Creative CAM LLC

Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

First, the name of the limited liability company is **Creative CAM LLC**.

Second, the articles of organization were filed with the New York Department of State on **March 30, 2016**.

Third, the County in which the limited liability company is located is **Rensselaer County, New York**.

Fourth, The Secretary of State of the State of New York has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The principal address of the limited liability company is **20 Moonlawn Road, Troy, New York 12180**.

Fifth, the purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law.

TU 6t (872858)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Chapter 182 of New York State Lien Law

Clifton Park Self Storage 261 Ushers Rd Clifton Park, NY 12065 will sell the contents of the following units on www.StorageTreasures.com for **cash** only if payment is not received.

Sale ends Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Matt Heekin - UC17 -
Mattress, futon, misc. boxes plush chair, wooden furniture

Richard J Murphy - M315
Wire spools, file cabinets, shelving

Hazem Amer - N337
Large single door beverage cooler, extra-large double door beverage cooler, glass jewelry display case

Any parties having an interest in said Units or to make payment, may call (518) 636-4435.

Owner reserves right to bid at sale, reject any/all bids, cancel or adjourn sale.

For more information or to resolve this claim, please contact the manager at Clifton Park Self Storage (518) 636-4435.

Pub. May 3, 2016, and May 11, 2016

TU 2t (877907)

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ALBANY

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST

Temporary Administrator for the Estate of Betty Stewart a/k/a Betty T. Stewart; Susan Kloss a/k/a Susan Stewart a/k/a Susan Stewart-Kloss, Individually and on behalf of the Estate of Betty Stewart a/k/a Betty T. Stewart, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 24, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPLEX (ETEC)

STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
conducted in the above-entitled matter on Wednesday, the
25th day of May, 2016, at the University at Albany,
Uptown Campus, SEFCU Arena Hall of Fame Room, Albany, New
York, commencing at 6:05 p.m.

REPORTED BY: THERESA L. KLOS, CSR, RMR

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MR. GIARRUSSO: Hello, everyone. Thank you
3 very much for attending today. My name is John
4 Giarrusso. I'm the Associate Vice President of
5 the facility at UAlbany. Some of you have met me
6 before when we were doing Liberty Terrace. I'm
7 happy you're here.

8 What we're here to do today is a public
9 scoping session for the environmental work related
10 to the ETEC project. It's a fairly formal
11 process. We have a stenographer here just like we
12 did when we were doing the environmental work for
13 Liberty Terrace.

14 I'm going to be tag-teaming today with Pat
15 Heaton from EDR and Pat is going to go over some
16 of the housekeeping rules, you know, how we talk
17 and how we engage today, and then he's going to
18 hand it back to me and we'll talk a little bit
19 about the project and then talk to you about what
20 the scoping session is and what the environmental
21 work will entail.

22 Pat.

23 MR. HEATON: Thank you, John. My name is Pat
24 Heaton. I work at Environmental Design and

1 Research. We're an environmental consulting firm
2 based in Syracuse, New York. We're assisting
3 State University Construction Fund of the
4 University of Albany with the environmental
5 review, the environmental impact review, of this
6 ETEC project.

7 So the purpose of tonight's meeting is that
8 we want to get feedback from the community about
9 the issues that they want to make sure are
10 included in the environmental review of this
11 project.

12 So the way that we're going to do this is
13 John is going to speak for a few minutes about the
14 ETEC project and its purpose and its design, at
15 least as far as it's been designed at this point.
16 Then, I'm going to come back up and talk for a
17 couple minutes about the SEQRA process, which is
18 the State Environmental Quality Review Act.
19 That's how this project needs to be evaluated
20 because of its environmental impact.

21 After I explain that process a little bit,
22 we'll then turn the floor over to any of you who
23 want to provide some comments on the topics just
24 to make sure they are addressed.

1 So with that, I'll give it back to John and
2 we'll go from there.

3 MR. GIARRUSSO: Thank you. What we're
4 talking about here is our Emerging Technology and
5 Entrepreneurship Complex. That's what ETEC means.
6 It's a 236,0000 gross square foot building to be
7 located on this portion of the Harriman Campus
8 site.

9 Just so you know, here's the Eagle Hill
10 neighborhood, here's Western Avenue and here's the
11 southwest pod-shaped area. Where the ETEC
12 building will sit is the closest site area as you
13 can see to the UAlbany campus border.

14 So as you can see here, it's 12 acres and the
15 Governor announced in February that the building
16 would be located on the Harriman site. The
17 building will be the home of our new College of
18 Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and
19 Cybersecurity.

20 It's also going to be, as you know from the
21 prior ETEC discussion, the home for our national
22 leading research and education in atmospheric
23 sciences and weather research. It will also have
24 a physics department. It will have some chemistry

1 operation, and the entrepreneurship comes from
2 because it will be collocated with those academic
3 and research units, also the small business
4 development center and research operations tech
5 transfer units.

6 So the intent here is that you're going to
7 have research, education, along with all the
8 administrative units that get these kinds of
9 advances to market and the backing of all of that
10 is from the Governor's NYSUNY 2020 mission of
11 which the four university centers have had
12 construction projects related to areas of strength
13 in research and education and also with an
14 economic development intent. So that's where the
15 ETEC project -- oh, I'm sorry. I also forgot to
16 mention that we're going to reserve some space in
17 that building for private partnerships for
18 incubators and small companies that emerge out of
19 the University and then, hopefully, they graduate
20 and make their money somewhere else.

21 Next slide. So right now, we just finished
22 the concept stage. As you know, the design has
23 many stages. You come up with the concept and
24 then you get deeper and deeper into the design

1 until you can get the construction portion going
2 where you can go out and bid. And I see Steve
3 taking a photo. We're going to put this on our
4 website, this whole presentation, in the same area
5 that all the public scoping material is on.

6 So at this point, what we're trying to do is
7 we're trying to take advantage of the natural
8 contours on this 12-acre site. If you've ever
9 walked that section of the 12 acres, you've got an
10 area here that's lower in elevation and an area
11 over here and so in trying to minimize the amount
12 of earth that needs to be moved around, we're
13 going to locate parking up here. The plan right
14 now is to be a 500-space parking lot up in this
15 corner, try to at least hide it as best we can so
16 it's not a feature of the site, if you will.

17 We're locating the building here to take
18 advantage of sort of this growing meadow on this
19 corner. It's four stories in its current concept,
20 plus a limited basement and then there's going to
21 be some observation spaces for our weather
22 researchers on the roof. They have
23 instrumentation on the roof, again, measuring wind
24 speed, air quality and such, as well as to use it

1 for instruction and research purposes for
2 students. "Hey, look, there's a weather front
3 coming in, let's run up there and check it out."
4 So that's the intent.

5 So this is a four-story building, as I
6 mentioned. The main entrance will be facing the
7 University. And in this site plan right now, we
8 added a pedestrian path, and I'll show you a
9 little bit more detail of that in a second, that
10 runs to the front door, to the University.
11 There's no changes in the ring road.

12 I know in prior iterations of the Harriman
13 development, you may have seen a change of the
14 ring road or some of the ERT discussions that
15 happened a year or two ago, there were changes to
16 the ring road. We're not envisioning, and we're
17 working with OGS very closely, any changes in the
18 current configuration of the ring road location.

19 There may be some changes in the way these
20 turnarounds work, because one of the turnarounds
21 that is down here that comes this way is largely
22 in the way of that path and it's very lightly
23 used. So you may see one or more of these moved
24 or changed but, again, these ring roads aren't

1 changing in their direction or in their current
2 location.

3 What you do see here is this -- we're working
4 with the City of Albany and the Capital District
5 Transportation Authority on implementing the bus
6 rapid transit idea, the purple line, which is
7 basically just like the red line on Central
8 Avenue. It's limited stops from downtown Albany
9 through the Harriman Campus, the UAlbany campus,
10 up Fuller and then to Crossgates and back.

11 And so this purple line in its current
12 concept is in design by CDTA, the ring road here,
13 if you follow my light here, would turn off and
14 then enter the campus behind the Boor Sculpture
15 Studio, and we'll show you that in a little bit
16 more detail in a second.

17 So anyway, four stories, partial basement,
18 roof area. The intent also is to have the --
19 we're still working on how many entries there are.
20 Again, this is only a concept. Right now, the
21 service entry in which you would bring materials
22 in and instrumentation for our weather researchers
23 would be in the back and this would be sort of
24 raised. And if you go up a story, it would be the

1 main level because, again, there's contours on the
2 site. It's higher right here than it is down
3 here. So we're trying to push and tuck the
4 building into the contours as best we can.

5 And certainly, there's going to be plenty of
6 landscaping in here as well as stormwater
7 retention and stormwater mitigation.

8 Next slide, please.

9 So if you had a drone and you were sort of
10 flying over the softball field or so by Liberty
11 Terrace, this is what the building would look like
12 in concept form, again, parking in the back.
13 There's a walkway connected to the University, the
14 bus turnoff for CDTA in concept, four stories,
15 main entry here and then Harriman Campus right
16 there.

17 We do have the need to erect some towers
18 related to weather research. They're just
19 basically long poles with some instrumentation
20 attached to them, again, monitoring weather
21 conditions.

22 And there are test sites, if you're familiar
23 with the Governor's Initiative in which the state
24 is deploying -- I forget how many there are --

1 over a hundred weather stations around the state
2 to monitor realtime where the weather action is in
3 the state and report back to the University, who's
4 the hub of this weather research and reporting,
5 working with the National Weather Service as well.

6 And what they do here is they put the
7 instrumentation on these and test whether they
8 work and they calibrate them. So they need access
9 to towers like that.

10 And our intent is not to put them right here
11 in the road but to tuck them back here in the
12 back.

13 If you go to the next slide, please.

14 So, again, if you're hovering over the
15 University in your own drone, this is basically
16 the path here. There's the ETEC building in
17 scale. Here's the inner ring road and the outer
18 ring road and the Boor Sculpture Studio. We are
19 ensuring that we have a pleasant pedestrian path
20 for all the students and faculty that are going to
21 be going back and forth.

22 I mentioned this path. I mentioned this bus
23 connection. There will not be a road connection
24 between Harriman and our University ring road, no

1 personal vehicles to go back and forth. Our
2 intent there is a couple-fold. One is we're
3 encouraging sustainable transit. So, again, this
4 walk isn't that long, so walk, please. You can
5 use the University shuttle or you can use the bus
6 rapid transit system that will be in place,
7 hopefully, in the future. And if you absolutely
8 positively need to drive there, then you gotta go
9 out to Washington Avenue or Western. Washington
10 is probably faster.

11 So, again, here's the path. Here's the State
12 Police building and the Forensic Center, and I'm
13 sure you know where that is.

14 Next slide, please.

15 So how tall is four stories compared to other
16 buildings? Well, here it is in scale. So if you
17 have a very wide angle lens and you look at the
18 topography of the UAlbany campus and Harriman, and
19 here's the UAlbany campus, here's the State Police
20 building, here's the ETEC building on that site
21 and then here's Buildings 8 and 8A and here's the
22 Labor building.

23 So, basically, it's -- and if you zoomed in,
24 it's smaller than Tax & Finance, obviously. It's

1 about the same size as Labor. It's smaller than
2 the State Police building in terms of height. And
3 obviously, because the UAlbany podium is only
4 three stories, the four stories is going to be a
5 little bit taller when put in the category spaces
6 on top. But here it is to scale. That's what it
7 would be compared to the other buildings.

8 So I think that's my last slide with regard
9 to the project. Again, we're going to take
10 questions and you'll have a chance to come back,
11 but we're going to turn over the process. I'll
12 tell you as much as I can about the project that
13 we know. Again, we're still in design. But let
14 me hand it over to Pat and then we'll get some of
15 your comments and questions if you have any at the
16 end. Thank you.

17 MR. HEATON: Thank you, John. So, again, I'm
18 going to try to go through this quickly, but I
19 want to give a little background for the
20 environmental review for this project.

21 The purpose of this meeting tonight is it's a
22 scoping meeting to determine the scope and content
23 of an Environmental Impact Statement for the ETEC
24 project.

1 This is going to build upon the significant
2 previous work that's already occurred in terms of
3 environmental review both by the University of
4 Albany and the Office of General Services to the
5 Harriman Campus.

6 There have been a series of Environmental
7 Impact Statements that have been prepared over the
8 past decade or so specific to the University of
9 Albany Master Plan but then also to the OGS
10 campus. And so the intent for the ETEC project is
11 to draw upon as much of that existing information
12 as possible and make as good use of that
13 information as possible.

14 The Master Plan for the University of Albany
15 was a Generic Environmental Impact Statement that
16 didn't necessarily evaluate specific details about
17 projects but, rather, evaluated a series of ideas
18 that the University had about how they might want
19 to develop the campus in the future.

20 So the Environmental Impact Statement we'll
21 be preparing for the ETEC project is a more
22 specific, zoomed in look at just this specific
23 project on this specific site.

24 So this year, kind of walking through this

1 process, you know, John just talked about the
2 University of Albany announced the creation of
3 this new college and selected this site on the
4 Harriman Campus as the best and appropriate
5 location for that facility.

6 So specific to the State Environmental
7 Quality Review Act, last month or at the end of
8 March, we circulated a Notice of Intent that the
9 State University Construction Fund would serve as
10 the lead agency for this project, which basically
11 just means that they're responsible for
12 coordinating the environmental review among other
13 agencies and community groups that might want to
14 be involved; and that the intention was to prepare
15 a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to
16 evaluate the specific process.

17 And then in early May, we issued a draft
18 public scoping document, which is available on the
19 University of Albany's website. This is a copy of
20 it here. This lays out some information about the
21 background of the project and also details what
22 the anticipated content of the Environmental
23 Impact Statement will be. And that's we're hoping
24 to really get some feedback from all of you

1 tonight on things that you feel need to be
2 included in that Environmental Impact Statement.

3 So after tonight, we will take the comments
4 we hear tonight and incorporate them into a
5 revised scoping document, which will then be made
6 public and posted in the same location as the
7 draft was posted, and then begin working on the
8 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

9 We anticipate that that could be complete in
10 August and then that would be made available for
11 all of you and for other agencies and groups to
12 review and consider.

13 There will then be a public comment period on
14 that Environmental Impact Statement, which will
15 include a public hearing, much like this meeting,
16 where we will receive both spoken and written
17 comments on the Environmental Impact Statement on
18 the project.

19 The SEQRA process then requires all of those
20 comments to be responded to and the project to
21 accommodate the concerns that are raised in some
22 of those comments. So that will be presented in a
23 Final Environmental Impact Statement. And, again,
24 these timelines are hypothetical. You know, these

1 are the goal timelines. How this plays out
2 somewhat depends on the feedback that we receive.
3 The Final Environmental Impact Statement will be
4 issued in November and assuming that's the plan,
5 the SEQRA process could conclude by the end of
6 November. So right now, that's our anticipated
7 timeline.

8 So the purpose of this scoping meeting and
9 this process is to outline the topics that need to
10 be addressed in the Environmental Impact
11 Statement. And really, our goal is to narrow the
12 range of issues to the ones that are important and
13 worth setting an worth considering.

14 There's a lot of different ideas that
15 possibly you could look at in an environmental
16 review, but we want to make sure we're really
17 putting our time and energy into the issues that
18 matter so to speak.

19 Part of the goal is that the Environmental
20 Impact Statement doesn't become so overburdened
21 that no one can use it or refer to it but that
22 it's actually concise and user-friendly.

23 Those are the terms we use in SEQRA to define
24 relevant, significant and substantive issues about

1 the project. That's our goal here tonight as
2 well.

3 These are the typical topics that are
4 addressed in an Environmental Impact Statement for
5 SEQRA. There's more detail about each of these
6 topics in the draft scoping document and how we
7 propose or plan to go about studying or
8 investigating these different topics.

9 Some of these were very exhaustively studied
10 in the previous Environmental Impact Statement,
11 both for the Master Plan and for the OGS campus.
12 Again, we'll make as much use of that information
13 as we can. But when new information or new
14 announcements are warranted specific to this
15 project, those will be included.

16 So the draft scoping document that I'm
17 referring to is available on the University of
18 Albany's website. We have the address posted
19 there. If you go to University of Albany's
20 website, do a search for ETEC, I'm sure that will
21 come up, something that you can find that way as
22 well.

23 There's also hard copies of these documents
24 available on the campus as well as the Guilderland

1 Public Library. We anticipate that the
2 Environmental Impact Statement and all future
3 documents related to the project will be available
4 in the same location, same website.

5 We ask that if anyone has any comments on the
6 scoping document or issues they want to make sure
7 to include in the EIS, they can submit those via
8 mail or e-mail. We have the addresses here and
9 we'll leave these up that you can make note of or
10 you could share those with us this evening.

11 We will be accepting comments on this draft
12 scoping document until June 8th. So that's the
13 date that we need to receive any comments by,
14 then we'll begin revising the scoping document.

15 So with that, I think we had a few people who
16 signed up indicating that they want to give
17 comments. And if anyone else wants to as well,
18 that's fine. We ask you just raise your hand and
19 wait for the person that's already speaking to
20 finish. Depending on how this goes, we ask people
21 to restrict their comments to about three minutes.
22 But I think we can go through the first round of
23 comments and then, you know, if there's time
24 available, you'll have another opportunity to

1 speak again.

2 MS. GRAFF: The first person we have to speak
3 is Steven Sokal.

4 MR. HEATON: I just want to clarify one thing
5 as well. We have a stenographer here and we're
6 going to be recording all these comments. Our
7 goal is to make sure we get this information
8 included in the SEQRA documents that we prepare.

9 If you have specific questions about the
10 project, we're not necessarily anticipating
11 answering those questions tonight. We want to
12 make sure that we actually research and evaluate
13 the information and present it to you as
14 accurately and completely as possible. So I just
15 wanted to make that clear.

16 MR. SOKAL: Hello. My name is Steven Sokal,
17 S-O-K-A-L. My wife and I live at 36 Tudor Road,
18 just down the hill from the Harriman and with the
19 University in our backyard. The reason I am here
20 is that I had been through the experience of
21 having a construction project in our backyard with
22 Liberty Terrace and we're concerned about noise
23 and construction activities.

24 We are concerned about stormwater and water

1 damage that has occurred on our street. And
2 finally, with the City's reassessment, we find
3 that the values of our properties have decreased
4 on Tudor Road.

5 I notice that in the proposed document that
6 you draw a very deliberate line around the 12-acre
7 site and that doesn't really reflect the impact on
8 the neighbors.

9 Also, there are other activities that are
10 going on by other agencies so the scope of the
11 proposed study is maybe not appropriate. There
12 will be connections between the University at
13 Albany and the Harriman Campus that's out of scope
14 according to this document right now. That
15 probably needs to be remedied.

16 Also, the lands that are being used are those
17 of OGS and there's a statement in this scoping
18 document that, at some point, land would be
19 transferred over to the University. All that is
20 not clear what would happen.

21 The Harriman is a centralized utilities
22 development. They have water, sewer, steam,
23 electric and phone, and that's what's proved so
24 difficult for the redevelopment of the Harriman

1 for private use in the past. You're tied into
2 OGS's centralized utilities. We want to know
3 whether or not this proposed building would be
4 freestanding or would tie into either UAlbany's or
5 OGS's systems.

6 And also, these are systems at OGS and there
7 will be materials that will have to be addressed
8 related to asbestos and so on.

9 We also have right now some activities that
10 have been occurring at the end of our street. We
11 had some crews go through with cranes and remove
12 some half dozen trees at the end of Tudor Road and
13 at the boundary of the Harriman. We were told
14 that this was in preparation for a bus stop that
15 would be constructed at some point in the future.

16 So we had a very noisy week with the chipper
17 going away at the trees. It seems as though,
18 again, by limiting consideration only to the 12
19 acres that you're failing to consider connections
20 with the University. You also failing to consider
21 that CDTA itself will be going through similar
22 sorts of studies to look at impacts on
23 neighborhoods and we're a little bit out to sea as
24 to what the cumulative effect of all these impacts

1 will be on our neighborhood.

2 This was not the case when Empire State
3 Development was in charge of privatizing the
4 Harriman. There, all the responsible agencies
5 were at the table at the same time and we had a
6 consistent view as to what was happening. By
7 picking this one building on this one site and
8 confining the examination just to that one site
9 seems to leave that one in the cold.

10 Also, one last thing, I guess. In the
11 history of the ETEC building, it was designed to
12 be initially an overflow building as the podium
13 building was refurbished so that the science
14 department would be moved on out so that the
15 podium building could be reconstructed.

16 It seems as though that's still a need and
17 there seems to be either this project or some
18 other project where something will have to be done
19 in order to prepare the podium for renovations.
20 That concludes my comments.

21 MR. HEATON: Thank you.

22 MS. GRAFF: Kim McGan.

23 MS. MCGAN: Hi. Kim McGan. I live at 31
24 Tudor and one of the concerns that I have is I do

1 have an e-mail from a Mr. Milano who is the city
2 engineer and I had asked about paving of our
3 streets. And he sent me an e-mail back a year ago
4 saying the reason he felt that they couldn't be
5 paved was insufficient drainage of the streets.
6 So that would be a concern is when you build, how
7 is that going to affect our storm drainage?

8 Also, pile driving. When you start
9 construction, as Steve mentioned with it being in
10 his backyard, we have a lot of wall cracks and we
11 were told that it would not impact our homes at
12 all.

13 But then when the concern was brought to
14 their attention, nothing was done. They told us
15 that that had nothing to do with the cracks that
16 we have in our walls. So that would be another
17 concern.

18 You mentioned the towers. How high would
19 those towers be? That's a question. And the
20 construction timing, I'm guessing it would be
21 joined with that.

22 If that is really going to be a bus stop at
23 the end of our street, then we'll have a lot of
24 traffic blocking up and down and maybe even folks

1 that don't really know about our street being a
2 dead end. So is there that possibility of opening
3 up our street?

4 MR. HEATON: Thank you.

5 MS. GRAFF: John Waterson.

6 MR. WATERSON: I was mainly concerned with
7 the water. I live on Clarendon Road and there's a
8 manhole cover between Clarendon Road and the State
9 Campus that when we have a severe rainstorm, it
10 blows the manhole cover right off. And I think a
11 big thing is which direction is the water going to
12 flow from this development and from the parking
13 lot?

14 And another thing is when you guys all go
15 home at 5:00 o'clock, we still live here and a lot
16 of people bicycle, run and use the campus. You
17 know, it's an open space for us. With this level,
18 you know, type of stuff going in there, are we
19 still going to have complete access to the campus?

20 And the other thing is it's kind of like you
21 guys are eating up all the green space. There
22 were coyotes in there at one time. I'm not a fan
23 of them, but I wonder if they're still in there.
24 So if you could address that, we'd appreciate it.

1 MR. HEATON: Thank you.

2 MS. GRAFF: Frank Commisso, Jr.

3 MR. COMMISSO: Thank you. My name is Frank
4 Commisso, Jr., C-O-M-M-I-S-S-O. I am the Albany
5 Common Council Member for the 15th Ward which, of
6 course, includes the Harriman, Tudor, Clarendon
7 and SUNY.

8 I think the previous remarks were spot on
9 and, in fact, the comment about pile driving
10 actually I did not have in my notes but had
11 reminded me of the previous project on the
12 southeast corner of the campus dating back about
13 five years now, perhaps, six years, where there
14 were some folks that were on Tudor and Clarendon
15 that did comment exactly that, that there was some
16 damage to their homes but they felt that when they
17 had reached out to SUNY that there was no real
18 recourse or there was no real viable process or
19 procedure put in place whereby folks from SUNY
20 could come review those damages and then there
21 would be some filed claim. So that was a very
22 good comment.

23 I did want to talk about water management
24 broadly. I'm glad to hear that you guys mentioned

1 that the City of Albany is working with you all on
2 this project. Our water commissioner, Joe Coffey,
3 it's been a pleasure working with him over the
4 past handful of years and I would encourage you
5 all to consider a connection to Patroon Creek
6 sewer connection.

7 The Krumkill, as I've heard many times, it's
8 been filled at capacity. And during these
9 100-year storms, as they're called, which seem to
10 be very much more often than every 100 years, but
11 you have them every year. In fact, in August of
12 2014, we had a horrible storm. There was
13 significant damage and public costs to fix city
14 infrastructure, damage to homes, damage to
15 businesses, damage to automobiles, I mean,
16 millions of dollars in damages across the city.

17 I believe it was August 5th or August 6th of
18 2014, we had this massive storm with this intense
19 rainfall over a 45-minute period. Again, it's
20 with this declaration that this was a 100-year
21 storm that folks start to get somewhat skeptical.

22 So I would hope that when you talk about a
23 500-car parking lot and when -- and I saw on the
24 previous slide that you had up, perhaps, it was

1 the second slide, John, but you did have some
2 mitigation and retention features in place, it
3 appeared. But I hope that that's something that
4 even if you all feel that you've already addressed
5 this and thought of it, I'd like you all to take
6 another crack at it, sit down with our water
7 commissioner and really come up with a way where
8 there will be no adverse impact, particularly to
9 Tudor and Clarendon, to a lesser extent, Cambridge
10 and Oxford, which are over more east, of course.

11 But just a few years ago, which was the first
12 year I had represented this area on City Council,
13 there was a storm and I had gone into backyards
14 with folks live as the rain was coming down and
15 this was at the top of Tudor and Clarendon and
16 there was significant pooling of water there in
17 folks' backyards.

18 And this is one of the points, you know,
19 assessed valuations were mentioned before, and I
20 think it's a valid point. This is a part of the
21 city where you do have higher assessed valuations,
22 certainly, on the residential end, and I want you
23 all to be conscious of that.

24 I will note as well as we talk about water

1 infrastructure, the emphasis on that couldn't be
2 higher. Right now, on a major intersection in
3 Albany, as I speak, at New Scotland and Madison,
4 we have a sinkhole opening up. And our water
5 department is really constrained for funds and we
6 have more funds being dedicated across 23 square
7 miles. So I hope that you all will really give
8 that consideration.

9 I would be remiss if I did not note as well
10 that the Harriman plan previously has always been
11 a rather important part of the city's economic
12 development and growth objective, that there would
13 be some revenue derived from the 363 acres dating
14 back to four governors now, Pataki, Spitzer,
15 Paterson and Cuomo, of course.

16 But over four governors now, there's been
17 much talk about private development or even a
18 PILOT that in 2008 passed through the assembly and
19 senate, only to be vetoed by then Governor
20 Paterson. But the lack of taxable property at the
21 Harriman is something that if there are more state
22 agencies and stakeholders that could be involved
23 in this process, I think it's something that needs
24 to be addressed.

1 I've heard very loose statistics about the
2 daytime population of Albany versus the nighttime
3 population and the immense amount of folks working
4 for New York State that come into the City of
5 Albany. And if you all could have the ability
6 then to pay a PILOT to the City of Albany, or if a
7 PILOT more broadly on the Harriman over multiple
8 years was discussed, I think that would be
9 essential for the future of the City of Albany.

10 Finally, the final piece that I just want to
11 see if you could clarify, and then I'll close my
12 remarks, would be it says June 8th here. Does
13 that imply a June 8th postmark or do they need to
14 be submitted to the office by June 8th and
15 received by June 8th to be considered? Thank you.

16 MR. HEATON: Yeah, and I'll just speak to
17 that. We would like to receive all these comments
18 by 5:00 p.m. on June 8th. If something is
19 postmarked on June 8th and we receive it the
20 following Monday, we're not going to discount it.
21 But certainly, that would be our goal is to have
22 that information Friday afternoon, Friday of that
23 date.

24 MR. COMMISSO: Is that a Friday?

1 MR. HEATON: I believe -- no, Wednesday.
2 Regardless, that's our goal to have the
3 information by that time, postmarked by that date,
4 we will certainly consider it.

5 MS. GRAFF: Sharon Phillips.

6 MS. PHILLIPS: My name is Sharon Phillips.
7 My husband Loch and I live at 19 Tudor Road.
8 We've lived there for six years unlike a lot of
9 folks who have been there for a really long time,
10 but we also have the same concerns as drainage.
11 You know, we really like that neighborhood, we
12 like being able to, you know, walk out onto the
13 campus. We're very, very concerned about property
14 values. You know, certainly, we don't want to see
15 those decline.

16 And we also experienced -- when they were
17 doing the pile driving, we have cracks now that I
18 know were not there when we moved in and appeared
19 shortly after all that construction took place.
20 We did reach out to the University and really
21 didn't get a response. So, you know, I'd hate to
22 see those get worse or happen again, but that's
23 another concern.

24 MS. GRAFF: Loch Phillips.

1 MR. PHILLIPS: My name is Loch Phillips. I
2 was just wondering about the crosswalk coming from
3 the campus to the Harriman. Is that elevated or
4 is it across those two four lanes -- you know, the
5 two access roads? It sounds kind of dangerous.

6 MR. GIARRUSSO: I'll put that slide up.
7 Right now, we're working with OGS on the
8 feasibility of installing stoplights here, so a
9 traffic stop. It's not a walkway or a sky bridge
10 or anything like that.

11 MS. HARRIGAN: Hi. My name is Nancy Harrigan
12 and I'm a long-time resident of Clarendon Road.
13 Thanks very much for sharing these plans. Ever
14 since we started dealing as a group of neighbors
15 with all of the changes at Harriman and at the
16 SUNY Albany campus, one thing has been prominent
17 in my mind, and it has been the fact that of four
18 streets that are most impacted by this benefit
19 immensely from being dead-end streets. And
20 always, I am concerned about the need for those
21 streets to be opened up.

22 And when I see the plans here, I see a very
23 nice competent facility with a little tiny walkway
24 and I say to myself if there are very astute

1 emergency planners working in that building, are
2 they not going to say that we all need something
3 other than the dinky little exit all circuitous
4 all the way through the Harriman Campus?

5 And so I ask you, please, to be very certain
6 that you can do your work and that building can
7 function with that degree of ingress and egress,
8 because I would very much hate to see somebody
9 say, well, we have to have access to Western
10 Avenue through these streets.

11 I just am a little skeptical at this point
12 that you all can do that and live with that given
13 the fact that you've got the mindset -- people
14 with the mindset that we may have to get out of
15 here fast.

16 Will there be actually emergency vehicles
17 gathering in and around that building or is it all
18 planning and, you know, intellectual work rather
19 than --

20 MR. GIARRUSSO: No. It's all about training
21 students and graduate students about the
22 discipline of homeland security, cybersecurity.

23 MS. HARRIGAN: So there may actually be
24 vehicles of some kind?

1 MR. GIARRUSSO: As sort of like an emergency
2 op center or something like that?

3 MS. HARRIGAN: Yes.

4 MR. GIARRUSSO: No, because the state already
5 has that. You already have that as your neighbor
6 now. Right there in the State Police Headquarters
7 is the Emergency Management Office.

8 And by the way, there are no plans to do
9 connectors here. And in terms of getting traffic
10 out as fast as possible, these ring roads provide
11 the ability to move massive amounts of traffic at
12 a speedway way greater --

13 MS. HARRIGAN: You feel that's adequate?

14 MR. GIARRUSSO: Yes, big time. You can move
15 way more cars through there than trying to get to
16 Western Avenue. We don't have any plans of doing
17 that. I know that was a sensitivity as well when
18 the earlier studies were done on the Harriman
19 Campus.

20 MS. HARRIGAN: Okay. I hope so.

21 MR. HEATON: Thank you.

22 MR. RIGUSO: Vince Riguso, Eagle Hill
23 Neighborhood Association. Looking at the list of
24 scoping things that you had up on the screen

1 there, three things pointed out to me was noise,
2 water, traffic.

3 Again, you heard many of the people today
4 talk about their concerns about the water runoff
5 onto Tudor, Clarendon, Oxford and Cambridge.
6 Looking through the drawing program, when you look
7 at all the parking lots, which way are they going
8 to pitch? Are you going to have stormwater catch
9 basins?

10 The other thing we look at, we look at noise.
11 If you look at the campus right now without
12 anything else being built, you can go over there
13 and listen to motorcycles run around that place
14 all night and I don't believe that the residents
15 on those streets should have to put up with that.

16 So I hope in your final analysis that there
17 are noise barriers put along Tudor, Oxford,
18 Clarendon so that the noise gets quieted down
19 somewhat.

20 The other thing is traffic. We didn't
21 mention the purple line. It's going to enter on
22 Brevator Street. So I don't know how that's going
23 to impact the noise on those four streets along
24 with how the residents of that building, say

1 roughly 2,000 people, how are they going to enter
2 and exit that building? Are they going to come
3 off of Western Avenue, off of Brevator Street?
4 Are they going to exit out onto Fuller Road? So
5 that's a great concern.

6 When you look at 2,000 people, we're looking
7 at anywhere from 1,500 to 1,700 cars plus. So
8 that's a large amount of traffic that is going to
9 possibly go by these four streets. And when you
10 look at what they have to put up with now and the
11 building isn't built yet, first, I heard Jack over
12 here say about how the manhole gets blown off with
13 the water.

14 Tudor Road is greatly impacted. They can't
15 do anything with Tudor Road, because they have a
16 drainage problem, they have no storm sewers.

17 I think one other thing you did not address,
18 and I did not see on your scoping thing, is what
19 about raw sewage? Where is that going to go? Is
20 that going to go over to Patroon Creek or is that
21 going to come out to Western Avenue? And that's a
22 great concern.

23 And the other thing that is another great
24 concern, where is the stormwater going to go? If

1 the stormwater goes out onto Western Avenue, it
2 finds its way down to the pump station which has
3 got a moratorium on it and can't handle any more
4 water than it presently has and, now, we're going
5 to build this building here.

6 So have all of those things that I brought up
7 been taken into consideration?

8 And I think, hopefully, that at some point
9 when you finally get your final analysis that I
10 see a noise barrier along those streets. And as
11 Nancy Harrigan said, our other concern is: Are we
12 going to use those streets that we mentioned as a
13 through street for emergency vehicles to get to
14 that building? Thank you.

15 MR. HEATON: Thank you.

16 MR. WATERSON: I noticed that these plans are
17 available at the Guilderland Public Library.
18 There's people in Guilderland that I don't think
19 care about this. But it's not in the Albany
20 Public Library and it's being built in the City of
21 Albany.

22 So I think it should certainly be available
23 to the residents of the City of Albany rather than
24 Guilderland.

1 MR. GIARRUSSO: It's in our downtown campus
2 library. We can put it there.

3 MR. WATERSON: You can put it in the Albany
4 Public Library?

5 MR. GIARRUSSO: Yeah, that's fine.

6 MR. WATERSON: Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. GIARRUSSO: No problem.

8 MR. RIGUSO: Which library are you going to
9 put it in, John?

10 MR. GIARRUSSO: The main one. Whichever one
11 you want.

12 MR. RIGUSO: How about the Pine Hills one?
13 That's the closest one.

14 MR. GIARRUSSO: Yes. Consider it done.

15 MR. RIGUSO: Thank you.

16 MS. MCGAN: It says the pedestrian path is
17 going to have a stoplight. Where is that
18 stoplight going to be?

19 MR. HEATON: I'll say this; the future
20 document will provide a lot more detail. I'm not
21 sure a lot of these details have been fully
22 decided. We'll indicate what alternatives are
23 being considered and --

24 MR. GIARRUSSO: Let me also mention that just

1 invite me to your next Eagle Hill Neighborhood
2 Association in September at which time we'll have
3 better developed plans and we can have more of a
4 conversation. This scoping session has been very
5 helpful. It's to make sure we study everything
6 you just said.

7 But in September, I can come back with a
8 better defined plan and then it's dovetailing
9 perfectly with the actual Environmental Impact
10 Statement, at which time you'll see in written
11 form all of our comments and how we're mitigating
12 stormwater, emergency access, and all the other
13 things that we haven't analyzed yet.

14 And to all your concerns, I mean, Steve
15 brought up things, I have a mental response right
16 here about stormwater and all this stuff, but rest
17 assured, we are aware of the stormwater issue,
18 we're aware of the pump station and Patroon Creek.

19 We're working with the City of Albany. Our
20 intent is to go north to the county line, I-90.
21 By law, we're not supposed to put one drop of
22 water off of our site because we can't send it
23 anywhere. So we're talking about underground
24 holding tanks, things like that over there, and we

1 know a hundred year storm isn't a hundred year
2 storm anymore, so we have to over-engineer all of
3 that.

4 But you'll see that in writing, we'll show
5 you the numbers. Then, if you think we didn't go
6 deep enough at the Environmental Impact meeting in
7 September, you can say, "You blew it, you didn't
8 go deep enough", and that's where we study again.

9 So, again, this is just to make sure we check
10 all of our things that we need to see and then
11 we'll have all the analysis in September-October
12 and I'll come again to the September meeting and
13 we can have a conversation.

14 MR. RIGUSO: Thanks, John.

15 MR. HEATON: To John's point, the purpose of
16 SEQRA is to identify and then avoid, minimize,
17 mitigate impacts to the environment. The
18 intention is not that the project has already been
19 fully designed and then you study it
20 after-the-fact. It's that you construct those
21 studies concurrent with the development of the
22 project so that you can make sure that appropriate
23 concerns are incorporated right into the design of
24 the project. So that's where we're at in the

1 process right now.

2 I think this has been very helpful and it
3 gives us a lot of good information to move forward
4 with.

5 I believe we've been around the room, but
6 I'll make one more offer. Does anyone who hasn't
7 made any comments yet have anything they'd like to
8 say?

9 MS. WATERSON: I have a question. I'm sorry.
10 I stepped out so maybe this was covered.

11 MR. HEATON: Can we get your name so we have
12 everything for our record?

13 MS. WATERSON: Sure. Debbie Waterson.

14 These 2,000 people in this building, are
15 these students, are these educators, are these
16 business retailers? Are these people coming back
17 and forth from residences in the city and other
18 parts of the city or are they housed in the SUNY
19 campus and walking over to this building.

20 MR. GIARRUSSO: It's counting the parking
21 spaces and that's more than this building calls
22 for. So at any one time, if you used every office
23 that was built and used every conference room and
24 used every public meeting area space and you

1 packed people in, that's maybe the max capacity if
2 you want to break the Guinness World Record or
3 something and pack them in. But I don't think on
4 any given day, you'll have that many people in
5 this building.

6 And they're intended to be university
7 faculty, staff and students. That's 98 percent of
8 the people who are going to be in that building.

9 MS. WATERSON: Like graduate students?

10 MR. GIARRUSSO: Graduate students as well.
11 Undergrad and grad students.

12 MS. WATERSON: Thank you.

13 MR. HEATON: Well, thank you all for coming
14 out tonight. We appreciate the comments and the
15 concerns and the information you gave us.

16 Like I said, we'll be collecting written
17 comments or accepting written comments as well
18 through June 8th and, soon thereafter, we'll
19 release a revised scoping document that will take
20 these comments into account and lay out how we
21 intend to address these issues in the
22 Environmental Impact Statement. So thank you all
23 again for coming out.

24 MR. RIGUSO: When will this document be

1 available at the Pine Hills Library?

2 MR. GIARRUSSO: We'll bring it there
3 tomorrow.

4 MR. RIGUSO: Okay. Thank you.

5 MR. HEATON: Thank you.

6 MR. GIARRUSSO: It's also on our website.

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11 [Concluded at 6:54 p.m.]

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I, **THERESA L. KLOS**, Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of New York, do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing record taken by me at the time and place noted in the heading hereof is a true and accurate transcript of same, to the best of my ability and belief.

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Dated: June 7, 2016.

ATTACHMENT E: Responsiveness Summary



University at Albany
Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurship Complex (ETEC)
STATE UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTION FUND
Lead Agency, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

PUBLIC MEETING,
RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY:
DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT
FOR
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
HELD MAY 25, 2016

On May 25, 2016, a public scoping meeting was held at the State University of New York at Albany (UAlbany). The objective of the public meeting was to solicit comments on a Draft Scoping Document prepared pursuant to New York State Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and Part 617 of Chapter 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR). The State University Construction Fund (SUCF) is proposing to construct a state-of-the-art Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurship Complex (ETEC) as part of the UAlbany research, education, and economic development initiative (herein, the ETEC Project). SUCF, the lead agency for the SEQRA process, intends to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the ETEC Project. The public scoping meeting was held on May 25, 2016 at the UAlbany Uptown Campus SEFCU Arena Hall of Fame Room, 1400 Washington Avenue. No written comments on the draft scoping document were received. The sign-in sheet at the public scoping meeting indicated attendance by 24 people. After a presentation of project information and the SEQRA process by representatives of the Lead Agency and their consultants, nine individuals provided oral comments. The public meeting was recorded by a stenographer. The stenographer's transcript of the public meeting is included as Attachment D to the Final Scoping Document. This Responsiveness Summary is Attachment E to the Final Scoping Document.

The purpose of this responsiveness summary is to present the comments that were made relating to the draft scoping document. Comments are paraphrased for brevity.

1. Steven Sokal (verbal) – Mr. Sokal had seven primary comments.
 - a. Mr. Sokal lives in close proximity to the proposed ETEC Project site, and has concerns with how noise from construction activities will impact neighbors outside the 12-acre parcel.
Response: The SEIS will include a discussion of construction noise impacts on residences located in the vicinity of the proposed ETEC facility.
 - b. Concern about stormwater and water damage that has previously occurred on Tudor Road.
Response: Stormwater management was identified as a concern by several commenters, as drainage and flooding issues are pre-existing concerns for nearby residents. This issue will be addressed through the design process and discussed in the SEIS, including potential on-site stormwater management infrastructure such as holding tanks and/or ponds. Green infrastructure techniques will also be considered as means to avoid and/or minimize potential stormwater impacts. Mr. John Giarrusso, ETEC Project presenter from UAlbany stated verbally during the meeting that SUCF and UAlbany are aware of the stormwater issue and the capacity issues with the existing public stormwater system. He indicated that Project proponents are working with the City of Albany to design an appropriate solution, that most/all of the stormwater will be managed on-site, and that the stormwater system will be designed to handle the increased level of severe storms that have occurred in recent years.
 - c. Concern that property values have decreased.
Response: The anticipated economic impacts of the Project, including impacts on property values, will be discussed in the SEIS.
 - d. Other activities are going on by other agencies (such as new bus stop planned by CDTA) outside the 12-acre parcel, and the cumulative impacts should be considered.
Response: The SEIS will evaluate the potential cumulative impacts of the proposed ETEC Project along with other relevant projects developed or proposed in the area. This will include a discussion of projects currently being proposed by the OGS on the Harriman Campus as well as improvements planned by the Capital Districts Transportation Authority (CDTA).
 - e. The Draft Scoping Document indicated that land on which the proposed ETEC facility is located would be transferred to UAlbany. It is not clear what would happen with the transfer.
Response: The SEIS will provide further clarification on the sequence of events regarding the transfer of land. This will be relevant to construction and operation activities, as well as to responsibilities under SEQRA.

- f. Question whether the Project would be connected to UAlbany utility connections, OGS's centralized utilities, or freestanding utilities.

Response: A detailed project description will be included in the SEIS, including a discussion of planned utility connections.

- g. Concern that the use of the proposed building has changed and that additional construction will be required to add overflow space for the science department that was originally planned.

Response: The usage of the ETEC facility has evolved to better align with the 2012 Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for UAlbany. In accordance with the FMP and the "NYSUNY 2020 Challenge" planning document for the University, the programming, size, and use of the ETEC was revised. A discussion of the purpose, need, and benefit based on the most up to date plans will be included in the SEIS.

2. Kim McGan (verbal) – Ms. McGan had four primary comments.

- a. Ms. McGan was told by the city engineer that paving of streets in the neighborhood south of the Project was not possible because of insufficient drainage. Her concern is how would the project affect storm drainage?

Response: Stormwater management will be addressed through the design process and discussed in the SEIS (see also 1(b) above).

- b. Concern that pile driving, as part of construction activities, could cause wall cracks in residential buildings located in the vicinity of the Project.

Response: Anticipated construction impacts on residences in nearby neighborhoods, including potential vibrations from pile driving for foundations, will be discussed in the SEIS.

- c. Question regarding how high the proposed towers associated with the Project would be, and when they will be constructed.

Response: The SEIS will include detailed information on the plans for infrastructure associated with the ETEC facility, including potential meteorological tower(s) which may be associated with atmospheric science research and instruction.

- d. Concern regarding traffic that will result from a new bus stop being built at the end of Tudor Road, and whether there is a possibility of the dead-end street being opened up to thru traffic.

Response: During the public scoping meeting, UAlbany representative Mr. Giarrusso indicated that there are no plans to open up the dead-end streets. A site-specific traffic study will be prepared in connection with the SEIS.

3. John Waterson (verbal) – Mr. Waterson had three primary comments.

- a. A primary concern is stormwater flow, especially in severe storm events.
Response: Stormwater management will be addressed through the design process and discussed in the SEIS (see also 1(b) above).
 - b. Another concern is that the Project will reduce the amount of open space available for neighbors' recreational activities, and reduce green space which may impact wildlife (i.e., coyotes).
Response: The impacts of the proposed Project development and its impact on open space, as well as ecological impacts on flora and fauna will be discussed in the SEIS. Note that the property is not a designated open space or public recreation area.
 - c. Mr. Waterson also commented (later in the meeting) that the Scoping Document should be made available as a hardcopy at the Albany Public Library.
Response: Mr. Giarrusso indicated that the document would be available at the Albany Public Library the day following the meeting. The Pine Hills branch of the library was suggested by Mr. Vince Riguso, and agreed upon by Mr. Giarrusso and Mr. Waterson.
4. Frank Commisso, Jr. (verbal) – Mr. Commisso had three primary comments.
- a. Previous comments reminded him that vibrations from pile driving potentially causing cracks in nearby residences is a concern. He would like there to be a procedure put in place for how such complaints could be handled.
Response: Anticipated construction impacts on residences in nearby neighborhoods, including potential vibrations from pile driving for foundations, will be discussed in the SEIS.
 - b. Water management is a significant concern, particularly in severe storm events.
Response: Stormwater management will be addressed through the design process and discussed in the SEIS (see also 1(b) above).
 - c. Previous plans at Harriman have included taxable private development or a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) program that would be a further economic benefit to the City of Albany.
Response: The SEIS will include a discussion of anticipated economic impacts on the City of Albany.
5. Sharon Phillips (verbal) – Ms. Phillips had four primary comments.
- a. Drainage concerns.
Response: Stormwater management will be addressed through the design process and discussed in the SEIS (see also 1(b) above).
 - b. Removal of open space/availability to walk on the campus.

Response: The impacts of the proposed Project development and its impact on open space will be discussed in the SEIS. Note that the property is not a designated open space or public recreation area.

- c. Concern that property values will decrease.

Response: The anticipated economic impacts of the Project, including expected impacts on property values, will be discussed in the SEIS.

- d. Concern with vibrations from pile driving causing cracks in nearby residences.

Response: Anticipated construction impacts on residences in nearby neighborhoods, including potential vibrations from pile driving for foundations, will be discussed in the SEIS.

- 6. Loch Phillips (verbal) – Mr. Phillips had one primary comment.

- a. Concern with the safety of the proposed crosswalk between UAlbany and the Harriman Campus across the two ring roads.

Response: Mr. Giarrusso responded verbally to this concern indicating that as part of the design process, the feasibility of installing a stoplight at the crosswalk is being explored. This will be discussed further in the SEIS.

- 7. Nancy Harrigan (verbal) – Ms. Harrigan had one primary comment.

- a. Concern that the dead-end residential streets south of the Harriman Campus will be opened up to become thru streets due to the need for increased ingress/egress or for the use of emergency vehicles.

Response: Mr. Giarrusso responded verbally to this concern indicating that there are no plans to connect the residential dead-end streets through to the ring roads. The ring roads provide an efficient means of transporting a large number of vehicles into and out of campus. Mr. Giarrusso also clarified that there will be no emergency vehicles utilized in connection with the ETEC facility, as an emergency operations center is already present at the State Police Headquarters to the northeast of the proposed Project.

- 8. Vince Riguso (verbal) – Mr. Riguso had four primary comments.

- a. Water runoff is a significant concern for nearby residents.

Response: Stormwater management will be addressed through the design process and discussed in the SEIS (see also 1(b) above).

- b. Noise is a concern, specifically noise from increased traffic that could result, as well as noise from existing motorcycle use. Mr. Riguso would like noise barriers to be put up along Tudor, Oxford, and Clarendon Streets.

Response: The SEIS will include a discussion of construction noise as well as operation noise impacts on residences located in the vicinity of the proposed ETEC facility. The SEIS will also include a traffic study. The existing use of motorcycles in the vicinity of the proposed Project is unrelated to the proposed ETEC facility.

- c. Increased traffic is a concern.

Response: A site-specific traffic study will be prepared in connection with the SEIS.

- d. Where will raw sewage from the facility be discharged?

Response: A detailed project description will be included in the SEIS, including a discussion of planned utility connections. Options relating to the generation and disposal of sewage are being discussed with municipal representatives.

9. Debbie Waterson (verbal) – Ms. Waterson had two primary comments.

- a. Requested more information on the location of the stoplight being considered for the proposed pedestrian path.

Response: Details regarding the specific design and location of the potential stoplight are not yet available, but will be made available to neighbors as design progresses. Mr. Giarrusso indicated that he is available to participate at neighborhood meetings to discuss the proposed design as it is further developed.

- b. Requested information on who would be using the proposed ETEC facility, students, educators, business retailers, etc.? Specifically, would people be primarily walking to the ETEC facility from the UAlbany Campus, or would individuals be driving to the facility from other locations?

Response: Mr. Giarrusso responded verbally that the majority of individuals using the ETEC facility will be UAlbany faculty, staff, and students. The anticipated usage of the proposed facility as it relates to traffic to/from campus will be discussed in the SEIS and in a site-specific traffic study to be completed as part of the SEIS.