September 4, 2012

Re: SEQR& Lead Agency Notification/Positive Declaration, Modifications to the University at Albany, SUNY Capital Project Plan

File: 2069/42606

Dear Potential Involved Agency:

This letter is being forwarded to you on behalf of The University at Albany, State University of New York (University at Albany, SUNY). The University at Albany, SUNY is implementing its five-year Capital Project Plan.

As an integral element of the planning process for the Capital Project Plan, the University in 2010 completed the environmental review process for the implementation of its Capital Project Plan in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) [statutory authority: Environmental Conservation Law Sections 3-0301(1)(b), 3-0301(2)(m) and 8-0113; implementing regulations in 6 NYCRR Part 617]. This process included the preparation of a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) and a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) as part of the process of evaluation, prioritization, design, and construction of a series of projects for its Uptown Campus. Collectively, these projects constitute the campus’ Capital Project Plan.

In the further development of the Capital Project Plan and the specific projects included in it, changes have been proposed that have the potential for environmental impact and warrant additional review. For the purposes of this additional review, it is the intent of the University to assume lead agency responsibilities with respect to SEQR, a role that the University held during the SEQR process noted above. This letter constitutes and combines two steps in the SEQR process: assumption of lead agency responsibilities and determination of significance, and notes the intention of University at Albany, SUNY to prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for this action.

The components of the Capital Project Plan as defined during the previous SEQR process are the following:

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<td>1. Student Housing Project</td>
<td>Construction of new student housing facilities with approximately 500 apartment-style beds</td>
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<td>2. Campus Center Master Plan</td>
<td>Construction of student activity and surge space of approximately 50,000 square feet (sq ft) under roof</td>
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<td>3. Construct New Business School</td>
<td>Construct new 90,000 sq ft academic facility</td>
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<td>4. Relocate Data Center</td>
<td>Relocate campus Data Center to another site on campus</td>
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<td>5. Implement Various Athletics</td>
<td>Phased series of improvements to athletics facilities, to include a new multi-use athletic facility (possibly a phased project).</td>
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<td>6. Purple Path Continuation</td>
<td>Construction of the Purple Path to encircle and incorporate pedestrian and bicycle paths around the perimeter of the Uptown Campus</td>
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<td>7. Northern Landscape Improvement</td>
<td>Perform activities consistent with Landscape Master Plan</td>
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<td>8. State Quad Parking Lot Expansion</td>
<td>Add approximately 250 spaces to west side of State Quad parking lot</td>
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<td>9. Multi-Discipline Science</td>
<td>Construction of academic building of approximately 150,000 sq ft to facilitate Podium renovations</td>
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<td>Surge Building</td>
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<td>10. Service Building Renovation</td>
<td>Add approximately 24,000 sq ft addition for vehicle operations, small engine and metal shops</td>
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<td>11. Entry Improvements</td>
<td>Improve entrance aesthetics and safety at Washington and Western Avenues</td>
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<td>12. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)</td>
<td>Based on recommendations in the Harriman – UAlbany Linkage Study, locate Bus Rapid Transit stations on campus</td>
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<td>13. Bicycle-Pedestrian Path</td>
<td>Develop a network of paths, improving connections between each quad, the Podium, and the Purple Path</td>
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These elements of the Capital Project Plan are in various stages of implementation with details for some projects considerably less mature than others. Locations and project parameters may not as yet have been selected and/or may be incomplete.

For the purposes of this notice, the following modifications to the Capital Project Plan are being proposed; the University has determined that these modifications require additional review with respect to SEQRA:
The size of Project No. 2, Campus Center Master Plan, in the preceding table, will increase from 50,000 sq ft to 80,000 sq ft.
- A new storage facility approximately 125,000 gross square feet will be constructed.
- A new science building will be constructed, or will be combined with Project No. 9, Multi-Discipline Science Surge Building, in one building.
- A new parking garage will be constructed.

The University has determined that:

1. The potential modifications to the Capital Project Plan are subject to SEQRA.
2. The action, Modification of the Capital Project Plan, will involve multiple agencies for funding, permits, and approvals.
3. The action constitutes a Type I action (6 NYCRR Part 617.4) with respect to SEQRA.

For purposes of coordinated review of this Capital Project Plan, the University is declaring its intent to assume the role and responsibilities of Lead Agency pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b). As the New York State entity that is funding and undertaking the subject action, the University is in the best position with respect to resources and technical capabilities to assume this role.

Based on the number of projects that are included in the potential modifications to the Capital Project Plan, and the magnitude of several of these projects as described above and from planning activities performed by the University, the University has sufficient information in lieu of an environmental assessment form (EAF) to determine that modification of the Capital Project Plan may have a significant adverse impact on the environment (6 NYCRR 617.7). Therefore, the University has determined that a supplement to the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared. The University has determined to prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) consistent with 6 NYCRR Part 617.10 ("Generic environmental impact statements") because the implementation of the Capital Project Plan fulfills one or more of the following criteria:

(1) "a number of separate actions in a given geographic area which, if considered singly, may have minor impacts, but if considered together may have significant impacts; or

(2) a sequence of actions contemplated by a single agency or individual; or

(3) separate actions having generic or common impacts; or

(4) an entire program or plan having wide application or restricting the range of future alternative policies or projects, including new or significant changes to existing land use plans, development plans, zoning regulations or agency comprehensive resource management plans." - 6 NYCRR Part 617.10(a); or

(5) "a supplement to the final generic EIS must be prepared if the subsequent proposed action was not addressed or was not adequately addressed in the generic EIS and the subsequent action may have one or more significant adverse environmental impacts." – 6 NYCRR Part 617.10 (d)(4)
Potentially involved agencies (those agencies that may have funding, permit or approval jurisdiction with respect to the proposed action) have 30 days from the date above to indicate objections to the assumption of Lead Agency status by the University. Such objections must be received by October 5, 2012 and must be addressed to:

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Very truly yours,

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