September 4, 2008

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Re: SEQR Lead Agency  
Notification/Positive Declaration,  
Implementation of the UAlbany  
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 (UAlbany). UAlbany is in 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. As an integral element of the planning process, UAlbany has initiated the environmental review process for the implementation of the 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 letter constitutes and combines two steps in the SEQR process: assumption of lead agency responsibilities and determination of significance, and notes the intention of UAlbany to prepare a draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEMS) for this action.

The Project is defined as UAlbany's "Capital Project Plan". The components of the Capital Project Plan are the following:

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<th>Project Name</th>
<th>Project Description</th>
<th>Approximate Construction Start</th>
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<td>1. Student Housing Project</td>
<td>Construction of new student housing facilities with approximately 500 apartment-style beds.</td>
<td>October 2009</td>
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<td>2. Campus Center Addition</td>
<td>Construction of student activity and surge space of approximately 75,000 square feet (SF) under roof</td>
<td>January 2011</td>
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<td>3. Campus Center Alterations</td>
<td>Perform renovations within the existing campus center</td>
<td>July 2010</td>
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<td>4. Business School Building</td>
<td>Construct new academic facility</td>
<td>March 2010</td>
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<td>5. Data Center Building</td>
<td>Construct new campus data center of approximately 30,000 SF under roof with associated parking</td>
<td>June 2010</td>
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<td>6. Multi-use Stadium</td>
<td>Construct a new 12,000 capacity stadium</td>
<td>March 2011</td>
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<td>7. Purple Path Continuation</td>
<td>Construction of the Purple Path to encircle and incorporate paths the Uptown Campus</td>
<td>Summer 2009</td>
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<td>8. Renovate Student Health Building (Building 25)</td>
<td>Construction to change room size and function</td>
<td>January 2011</td>
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<td>9. Northern Landscape Improvement Project – Phase 2</td>
<td>Perform activities consistent with Landscape Master Plan</td>
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<td>10. Southern Landscape Improvement Project</td>
<td>Perform activities consistent with Landscape Master Plan</td>
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<td>11. Renovation &amp; Addition to Service Building A</td>
<td>Add 800 SF addition and renovate 20,000 SF, including infill of existing shops for office.</td>
<td>2010</td>
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<td>12. State Quad Parking Lot Expansion</td>
<td>Add approximately 250 spaces to west side of State Quad parking Lot</td>
<td>September 2009</td>
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<td>13. Surge Building</td>
<td>Construction of building to contain faculty offices and research labs of approximately 40,000 SF under roof</td>
<td>March 2012</td>
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<td>15. Construct Addition to Grounds Building</td>
<td>Add 8,000 SF addition for shops and ambulance services</td>
<td>August 2009</td>
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<td>16. Fine Arts Studio</td>
<td>Construct new building of offices and studios</td>
<td>2013</td>
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<td>17. Rehab Water Tower &amp; Fountains</td>
<td>Repair corrosion to interior and exterior of water tower, repair mechanical systems in water tower and fountains.</td>
<td>May 2010</td>
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These elements of the Capital Project Plan are in various stages of planning 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.

UAlbany has determined that:

1. The Capital Project Plan is subject to SEQR.
2. The action, Implementation 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 SEQR.

For purposes of coordinated review of this Capital Project Plan, UAlbany 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, UAlbany 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 Capital Project Plan, and the magnitude of several of these projects as described in the table above and from planning activities performed by UAlbany, UAlbany has sufficient information in lieu of an environmental assessment form (EAF) to determine that implementation of the Capital Project Plan may have a significant adverse impact on the environment (6 NYCRR 617.7). Therefore, UAlbany has determined that a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) will be prepared. UAlbany has determined to prepare a draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS) 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
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(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)

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 UAlbany. Such objections must be received by October 6, 2008 and must be addressed to:

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Very truly yours,

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