



August 20, 2013

Frank Fazio, P.E.
University at Albany Office of Campus Planning
1400 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12222

Re: SEQR Lead Agency Notification and Positive Declaration for the Implementation of the UAlbany Downtown Campus Facilities Master Plan

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 examining alternative renovation and expansion options for its Downtown Campus as described in the 2012 UAlbany Facilities Master Plan. As an integral element of the planning process, UAlbany has initiated the environmental review process in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) 6 NYCRR Part 617. This letter constitutes and combines two steps in the SEQR process: (1) assumption of lead agency and determination of significance, and (2) identifies the intention of UAlbany to prepare a draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS) for this action. The Project is defined as UAlbany's "Downtown Campus Renovation and Expansion".

These elements of the Downtown Campus Facilities Master Plan are in various stages of planning. As a result, locations and project parameters may not as yet have been selected and/or may be incomplete.

UAlbany has determined that:

1. The Downtown Campus Renovation and Expansion is subject to SEQR.
2. The action, Implementation of the Downtown Campus Renovation and Expansion, 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 Downtown Campus Renovation and Expansion, 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. Pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6 (b-3), UAlbany is transmitting Part 1 of a full environmental assessment form (EAF).

Based on the potential number of individual projects and their magnitude, the implementation of the Downtown Campus Renovation and Expansion will be classified as a Type I action, which means this action has the potential to have a significant impact on the environment (6 NYCRR



617.7 "Generic environmental impact statements"). The Downtown Campus Renovation and Expansion meets 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)

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 addressed to:

Errol Millington
University at Albany
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1400 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12222

Sincerely,

Jaclyn S. Hakes
Project Manager

Enclosures

cc: file; Frank Fazio, UAlbany

SEQR Involved and Interested Agencies

University at Albany Downtown Campus GEIS

Lead Agency: University at Albany, State University of New York

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Involved Agencies:

Hon. Gerald Jennings, Mayor
City Hall, Room 102
Albany, NY 12110

Ms. Ruth Pierpont
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Peebles Island Resource Center
P.O. Box 189
Waterford, NY 12188-0189

RoAnne Destito, Commissioner
New York State Office of General Services
41st Floor, Corning Tower
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12242

Ms. Bridget Morey, Senior Sanitary Engineer
New York State Office of General Services
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Interested Agencies:

Senator Neil D. Breslin
Senate District 044
502 Capitol
Albany, NY 12247

Assembly Member Patricia Fahy
109th Assembly District
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Albany, NY 12248

Interested Agencies (continued):

Mr. Gene Kelly, Regional Director
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 4
1130 North Westcott Road
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Albany County Department of Public Works
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Hon. Daniel McCoy
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Albany, NY 12207

Dr. James B. Crucetti, MD, MPH, Commissioner
Albany County Department of Health
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Mr. Robert Cross, Commissioner
City of Albany Water Department
35 Erie Boulevard
Albany, NY 12204

Mr. Michael Yevoli, Commissioner
Department of Development and Planning
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Albany, NY 12207

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Mr. Jay Pollard
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State University Plaza
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Environmental Notice Bulletin
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Mr. Paul T. Williams, Jr.
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Hon. Carolyn McLaughlin, President
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Hon. Richard Conti,
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Hon. Ronald Barley,
City of Albany Common Council Ward 3
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Hon. Shawn Morris, Chairman
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