UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SYSTEM
BOARD RULE 415
BOARD SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST CRITERIA

BOARD SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST NO. 2
CAPITAL PROJECT - STAGE II SUBMITTAL /1
(Architect Ranking, Project Scope and Project Budget) /8

CAMPUS: The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

PROJECT NAME: Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical & Biological Engineering

MEETING DATE: April 16-17, 2026

[x]	1.	Board Submittal Checklist No. 2
[x]	2.	Transmittal Letter to Chancellor from Campus President requesting project be placed on the agendas for the forthcoming Physical Properties Committee and Board of Trustees (or Executive Committee) Meetings
[x]	3.	Proposed Board Resolution requesting approval of Stage II Submittal (Architect Ranking, Project Scope and Project Budget; authority to proceed with Owner/Architect contract negotiations) by the Board of Trustees
[x]	4.	Executive Summary – Proposed Capital Project /2
[x]	5.	Executive Summary – Architect, Engineer, Selection Process (include Interview Outline). /3, /4, /5
[x]	6.	Campus letter requesting approval of the ranking of firms and authority to Submit to the Physical Properties Committee for approval – signed by Chair of the Physical Properties Committee and UA System Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration /6
[ ]	7.	Preliminary Business Plan (if applicable) /7
[x]	8.	Campus map(s) showing project site

Prepared by: DocuSigned by: Jessica Green

Approved by: DocuSigned by: Matt Skinner

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/1 Reference Tab 3H – Board Rule 415 Instructional Guide
/2 Reference Tab 3E – Board Rule 415 Instructional Guide
/3 Reference Tab 3K – Board Rule 415 Instructional Guide
/4 Reference Tab 3L – Board Rule 415 Instructional Guide
/5 Reference Tab 3M – Board Rule 415 Instructional Guide
/6 Reference Tab 3N – Board Rule 415 Instructional Guide
/7 Reference Tab 3V – Board Rule 415 Instructional Guide
/8 After Completion of negotiations on Owner/Architect Agreement, provide notification to Chair of Physical Properties Committee and Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration, Reference Tab 3-O-Board Rule 415, Instructional Guide

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA® | Office of the President

February 27, 2026

Chancellor Sid J. Trant
The University of Alabama System
500 University Boulevard East
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Dear Chancellor Trant:

I am pleased to send to you for approval under Board Rule 415 the attached documents for a Stage II submittal for the Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical and Biological Engineering project.

The resolution requests authorization to negotiate an Owner Designer Agreement with Davis Architects, Inc. of Birmingham, Alabama, as the principal design firm for the project.

The item has been thoroughly reviewed and has my endorsement. With your concurrence, I ask that it be added to the agenda for The Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on April 16-17, 2026.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Mohler
President

Enclosure

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Resolution

Authorization to Negotiate an Owner/ Architect Agreement for the Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical & Biological Engineering

WHEREAS, on February 6th, 2026, in accordance with Board Rule 415, the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama ("Board") approved a Stage I submittal for the Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical & Biological Engineering project ("Project") to be located at 300 Hackberry Lane; and

WHEREAS, the Project will provide enhanced space for research staff, fully equipped laboratories, support institutional STEM initiatives, and offer secure storage for research materials, while serving as the primary campus hub for Chemical and Biological Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Project will enable research and development by converting existing computational offices and laboratories into state-of-the-art wet labs needed for advancing the fields of Chemical and Biological Engineering, while also supporting faculty recruitment and retention and optimizing the use of existing academic spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant Selection Committee, appointed by The University of Alabama ("University"), has completed Part 1 of the Consultant Selection Process in accordance with Board Rule 415 and negotiations for the Project will be conducted with the top ranked firm following Board approval as follows:

Ranking of Top Firms:

1. Davis Architects, Inc, Birmingham, Alabama
2. SS&A Design Collective, Montgomery, Alabama
3. PH&J Architects, Inc, Montgomery Alabama

WHEREAS, the Project location and program have been reviewed and are consistent with the University Campus Master Plan, University Design Standards and the principles contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Project will be funded from Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund allocated in ACT #2025-269, SB114, as further allocated by the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama, in the amount of $6,000,000;

WHEREAS, the budget for the Project remains as stipulated below:

BUDGET:		**CURRENT**
Construction	$	4,800,000
Security/Access Control	$	70,000
Telecommunication/Data	$	70,000
Contingency (10%)	$	480,000
UA Project Management Fee (4.5%)	$	237,600
Architect/Engineer Fee (6.4%)	$	307,200
Other	$	35,200
TOTAL PROJECT COST	**$**	**6,000,000**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that:

1. The Stage II submittal package for the Project is hereby approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that Peter J. Mohler, President; Daniel T. Layzell, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer; or those officers named in the most recent Board Resolution granting signature authority for the University be, and hereby are, authorized for and on behalf of the Board to execute an Owner Designer Agreement with Davis Architects, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama, for architectural services in accordance with Board Rule 415 for this project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUBMITTAL

MEETING DATE:	April 16-17, 2026
CAMPUS:	The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
PROJECT NAME:	Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical & Biological Engineering
PROJECT NUMBER:	254-25-4096
PROJECT LOCATION:	300 Hackberry Lane
ARCHITECT:	Davis Architects, Inc. (Pending Approval)

THIS SUBMITTAL:	**PREVIOUS APPROVALS:**
☒ Stage I	February 5-6, 2026
☐ Stage II	
☐ Campus Master Plan Amendment	
☐ Stage III	
☐ Stage IV	

PROJECT TYPE	**SPACE CATEGORIES**	**PERCENTAGE**	**GSF**
☐ Building Construction	Classroom Facilities	0%	0
☐Building Addition	Laboratory Facilities	~ 50%	6483
☒Building Renovation	Office Facilities	~ 29%	3775
☐Equipment	Study Facilities	0%	0
	General Use Facilities	~ 1%	425
	Central Service/ Support	~ 0%	0
	Circulation Area	~ 18%	2070
	Building Service Area	~ 1%	112
	Mechanical Area	~ 1%	116
	TOTAL	**100%**	**12981**

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UA Project Management Fee[2] (4.5%)	$	237,600
Architect/Engineer Fee[3] (6.4%)	$	307,200
Other[4]	$	35,200
TOTAL PROJECT COST	**$**	**6,000,000**
Total Construction Cost per square foot $		**$407**

[1]Contingency is based on 10% of the costs of Construction.
[2]UA Project Management Fee is based on 4.5% of the costs of Construction and Contingency.
[3]Architect/Engineer Fee is based on 6.4% of the costs of Construction.
[4]Other fees and expenses include Geotech, Construction Materials Testing, Inspections, Advertising, Printing, and other associated project costs, as applicable.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) COSTS:

(Utilities, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Insurance, Other)

Total Estimated Annual O&M Costs: N/A*

***Renovation of existing facilities, no incremental increase in O&M costs is anticipated as a result of the project.**

FUNDING SOURCE:

ETF A&T Appropriations Act#2025-269/SB114 $ 6,000,000

O&M Costs: University Annual Operating Funds $ N/A*

NEW EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Total Equipment Costs: N/A

PROJECT SCOPE:
The Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical and Biological Engineering Project ("Project") will enhance research capabilities by upgrading laboratory spaces, supporting institutional STEM initiatives, and improving facilities for research staff. The renovated areas will also serve as a central hub for Chemical and Biological Engineering on campus, providing space to store research materials and supporting a wide range of academic activities.

Located on the 3rd floor of the Science and Engineering Complex**,** the Project will reconfigure multiple areas to meet departmental needs while allowing for future growth and adaptability. Existing computational offices and laboratories will be transformed into state-of-the-art wet laboratories**,** enabling advanced research and development in Chemical and Biological Engineering.

In addition to improving research functionality, the renovation is expected to strengthen faculty recruitment and retention, increase the effective use of academic space, and support the University's long-term STEM mission. The Project will include all necessary mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and life-safety upgrades required to fully support the enhanced laboratory environment.

PROJECT STATUS

SCHEMATIC DESIGN:	Date Initiated	February 2026
	% Complete	100%
	Date Completed	April 2026
PRELIMINARY DESIGN:	Date Initiated	April 2026
	% Complete	0%
	Date Completed	May 2026
CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS:	Date Initiated	May 2026
	% Complete	0%
	Date Completed	August 2026
SCHEDULED BID DATE:		

**N/A on Stage I Projects*

RELATIONSHIP AND ENHANCEMENT OF CAMPUS PROGRAMS

The renovation of the Science and Engineering Complex will directly strengthen and expand the programs within the Chemical and Biological Engineering Department. By creating state-of-the-art instructional and research laboratories, the Project will establish a modern center for innovation where hands-on learning, use-inspired research, and advanced technical training operate seamlessly together.

This enhanced research environment will broaden opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, increasing participation in high-impact research experiences, and supporting interdisciplinary collaboration across STEM fields. The Project will also reinforce The University of Alabama's position as a leader in Chemical and Biological Engineering education and research.

Importantly, the renovation aligns with and advances the University's strategic goals by elevating research productivity, fostering innovation, and improving the quality and competitiveness of academic programs. In doing so, it enhances the overall academic ecosystem and contributes to long-term growth in STEM initiatives across campus.

Part 1

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CONSULTANT SELECTION PROCESS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUBMITTAL

Meeting Date:	April 16-17, 2026
Campus:	The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Project Name:	Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical and Biological Engineering
Project Location:	300 Hackberry Lane, Tuscaloosa, AL
Prepared By:	Jessie Green Date: February 13th, 2026

Project Type		Range of Construction Costs		
☒	Building Renovations	$ 4,000,001	to	$ 5,000,000
☐	Building Addition	$	to	$
☐	New Construction	$	to	$
☐	Campus Infrastructure	$	to	$
☐	Equipment	$	to	$
☐	Other	$	to	$

Building Type – Group I		Percentage of Project
☐	Industrial Building Without Special Facilities	%
☐	Parking Structures/Repetitive Garages	%
☐	Simple Loft Type Structure	%
☐	Warehouses/Utility Type Buildings	%
☐	Other	%

Building Type – Group II		Percentage of Project
☐	Apartments and Dormitories	%
☐	Exhibit Halls	%
☐	Manufacture/Industrial Facilities	%
☐	Office Building (Without Tenant Improvements)	%
☐	Printing Plants	%
☐	Service Garage/Facility	%
☐	Other (Storm Shelter and Multi-Purpose Event)	%

Building Type – Group III		Percentage of Project
☐	College Classroom Facilities	%
☐	Convention Facilities	%
☐	Extended Care Facilities	%
☐	Gymnasiums	%
☐	Hospitals	%
☐	Institutional Dining Halls	%
☐	Laboratories	%
☐	Libraries	%
☐	Medical Schools	%
☐	Medical Office Facilities and Clinics	%
☐	Mental Institutions	%
☒	Office Buildings (with tenant improvements)	50 %
☐	Parks	%
☐	Playground and Recreational Facilities	%
☐	Public Health Centers	%
☒	Research Facilities	50 %
☐	Stadiums	%
☐	Central Utilities Plants	%
☐	Water Supply and Distribution Plants	%
☐	Sewage Treatment and Underground Systems	%
☐	Electrical Substations and Primary and Secondary Distribution Systems, Roads, Bridges and Major Site Improvements when performed as Independent projects	%

Building Type – Group IV		Percentage of Project
☐	Aquariums	%
☐	Auditoriums	%
☐	Art Galleries	%
☐	College Buildings with special features	%
☐	Communications Buildings	%
☐	Special Schools	%
☐	Theaters and similar facilities	%
☐	Other	%

Building Type – Group V	Percentage of Project
☐ Residences and Specialized Decorative Buildings	____ %
☐ Other	%

Repetitive Design or Duplication of Facilities		
Does the Building Program/Requirements support repetitive design or duplication of Facilities justifying an adjustment in A/E Design Fees?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Building Program Development		
Will the A/E Agreement require the Development of a Comprehensive Building/Design Program in lieu of one provided by Owner requiring an adjustment in A/E Fees?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Construction Consultant Services		
Will the University be utilizing a Construction Consultant who will perform some of the services normally provided by the Architect requiring an adjustment of A/E Fees?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Multiple Prime Trade Contracts		
Will the project be competitively bid and constructed using Multiple Trade Contracts requiring additional services from the A/E?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Design Build Services		
Will the University be using a Design/Build process, which will result in a reduction in contracted design services and a corresponding adjustment in A/E Fees?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Architect/Engineer Project Notifications
☐ Advertised through State Division of Construction Management
☐ Local/State Trade Journals
☒ Posted on Campus Web Pages
☒ Direct Contact with A/E Companies/Firms
☒ Other: Newspaper and email distribution list

Appointed Consultant Selection Committee (CSC):

1. Jessie Green, Senior Project Manager
2. Carrie Beth Kerr, Senior Architectural Design Coordinator
3. Jason Bigelow, Director Architectural and Engineering Services
4. Courtney Oglesby, Senior Interior Designer
5. Dwight Stewart, UA Mechanical Engineer
6. Mark Barkey, Senior Associate Dean, Lee J. Styslinger Jr. College of Engineering
7. Telisa McWaters, Building and Laboratory Safety Manager, Lee J. Styslinger Jr. College of Engineering

Qualified Firms/Companies Submitted:

1. Davis Architects, Inc, Birmingham, AL
2. PH&J Architects, Inc, Montgomery, AL
3. SS&A Design Collective, Montgomery, AL
4. Designform, Inc, Brimingham, AL
5. KPS Group, Birmingham, AL
6. SS&L Architects, Montgomery, AL
7. SSOE Group, Birmingham, AL
8. Williams Blackstock Architects, Birmingham, AL

Ranking of Most Qualified Firms to be submitted to the Physical Properties Committee

1. Davis Architects, Inc, Birmingham, AL
2. SS&A Design Collective, Montgomery, AL
3. PH&J Architects, Inc, Montgomery, AL

Reviewed and approved by:

Signed by:
Carrie Beth Kerr
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Chairman of Consultant Selection Committee

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Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer

Firm's Name: _____

Firm's Ranking: _____

Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical and Biological Engineering

UA Project No. 254-25-4091

Date: October 7, 2025

1. **Welcome/Introduction**
    a. Design Team
        i. Brief introduction of your firm/team.

        ii. Proposed consultants (engineers and specialty consultants are not required to be present at interviews, but encouraged).

2. **Design Opportunities/Feedback**
    a. Provide examples of specialty STEM research labs that your firm has completed for institutes of higher education and explain your firm's design team coordination process.

3. **Roles & Execution**
    a. Design and construction roles
        i. Explain your firm's day to day roles and responsibilities for the project.
    b. Explain your methodology estimating and programming a project of this nature.
    c. Please feel free to incorporate any additional information that you may find useful for your presentation.

4. **Questions & Answers**

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA®
Division of
Finance and Operations
Vice President

Feburary 23, 2026

Dr. Dana S. Keith
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Trustee Evelyn VanSant Mauldin
Chair, Physical Properties Committee
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RE: Consultant Selection Process – Part 1
Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical and Biological Engineering
UA Project #: 254-25-4096

Dear Dr. Keith and Trustee Mauldin,

Pursuant to Board Rule 415, on February 6th, 2026, The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama ("Board") approved the Stage I submittal for the Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical and Biological Engineering Project ("Project") to be located at 300 Hackberry Lane, at a preliminary total Project budget amount of $6,000,000.

Pursuant to Board Rule 415, notifications for the Project, including a brief description of the Project location, and preliminary budget were advertised, issued by email to Alabama-based firms and others in the consultant database, and posted on the University campus web page. Firms desiring to be considered were requested to provide brochures to the University outlining their qualifications, relevant experience, and proposed team members by September 24, 2025.

A Consultant Selection Committee, appointed by the University in accordance with the provisions of Board Rule 415, reviewed the submitted brochures and on October 7, 2025, interviewed the following architectural firms:

- Davis Architects, Inc, Birmingham, AL
- PH&J Architects, Inc, Montgomery, AL
- SS&A Design Collective, Montgomery, AL

The Consultant Selection Committee then determined the following ranking for the firms deemed most qualified for the Project:

1. Davis Architects, Inc, Birmingham, AL
2. SS&A Design Collective, Montgomery, AL
3. PH&J Architects, Inc, Montgomery, AL

The primary selection criteria used in the ranking of the firms included the following:

1. The firms represented a clear understanding of the Project program and goals, a design approach or methodology and standard of care necessary with renovation and research laboratory spaces.
2. The firms presented the most favorable listing of qualified principals, staff, and associated engineers for the Project along with a commitment to meet the University's schedule for completion of the design and construction of the Project.
3. The firms are committed to using Alabama-based consultant engineers for the Project.

Approval is hereby requested for:

1. The ranking of consultant firms listed hereinbefore.
2. Approval to submit these rankings to the Physical Properties Committee for consideration at the April 16-17, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

For your convenience, a Project Summary has been attached. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Layzell
Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
and Treasurer

DTL/mrw

Attachment

pc/atchmt: Michael Rodgers
Matt Skinner
Jessica Morris
Carrie Beth Kerr
Jessie Green

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The above listing of firms ranked as the most qualified for the Project are hereby approved and by forwarding this executed document to the Chancellor's office, the rankings are approved for inclusion in the Board materials to the April 16-17, 2026 Physical Properties Committee.

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Signed by:
Dana S Keith
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Dr. Dana S. Keith: **Recommend for Approval**
Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

Signed by:
Evelyn VanSant Mauldin
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Trustee Evelyn VanSant Mauldin: **Recommend for Approval**
Chair of the Physical Properties Committee

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING COMPLEX RENOVATION FOR CHEMICAL & BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

LOCATION MAP