

# R711, Division of Facilities and Construction Management Delegation of Capital Facilities Projects<sup>1</sup>

**R711-1 Purpose:** To approve the delegation of Division of Facilities and Construction Management (“DFCM”) authority for research universities to manage capital facilities projects authorized by the Legislature for design and construction.<sup>2</sup>

## R711-2 References

- 2.1** Utah Code § 63A-5b-604, Construction, Alteration, and Repair of State Facilities – Powers of Director – Expenditure of Appropriations
- 2.2** Utah Code § 53H-9-202, Property of Institutions to Vest in State Board
- 2.3** Utah Code Title 15A, Chapter 3, Part 1, Statewide Amendments to International Building Code
- 2.4** Utah Code Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code
- 2.5** Board Policy R701, Capital Facilities

## R711-3 Policy

**3.1 Reason for Consideration:** The University of Utah and Utah State University each have significant staff relative to the number of DFCM personnel assigned to each of them and are able to service their own needs.

**3.2 Reporting Line:** To maintain a single line of responsibility and not create a duplicative reporting structure between the various governing boards, reports of all delegated projects shall be made directly to DFCM. Although DFCM is the authority with responsibility for such projects, the institution shall share the same report with the Utah Board of Higher Education on a monthly basis.

**3.3 Accountability:** For DFCM to have sufficient information to exercise its oversight responsibilities, each institution shall submit reports with adequate detail and content at DFCM’s meetings. The form and content shall be equivalent to DFCM’s current Administration Report. A periodic independent audit may be necessary for the information to be objectively evaluated.

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<sup>2</sup> Technical edits August 30, 2024; and December 1, 2025.

Periodic comparative analysis of performance will be useful to all agencies and institutions involved.

**3.4 Partnership:** Where expertise exists at one entity and not at another, the entities should share personnel services to minimize the need to add staff to create that expertise. An appropriate contract for dedicated time will need to be negotiated to appropriately share resources.

**3.5 Building Official:** Utah Code Title 15A, Chapter 3, Part 1 has certain building official and inspector requirements which must be met by compliance at the institutions or as shared with the state.

**3.6 Space Standards:** New, updated space standards that are commonly agreed to by all entities shall be universally applied to all programming, design, and construction, to ensure quality, equity, and balance in the state's overall building program.

**3.7 Procurement of Services:** To maintain uniform practices for the procurement of services, the Utah Procurement Code, Utah Code Title 63, Chapter 6a shall govern the acquisition of services for programming, design, and construction. In addition, institutions shall use DFCM standard construction and design documents.

**3.8 Extent of Delegation Authority:** For DFCM to have a single list of projects to recommend to the Governor and Legislature, the delegation authority shall begin only after the project has been programmed and the Legislature has authorized DFCM to begin design and construction. DFCM shall retain all planning and fiscal responsibility for projects until they are authorized for design and construction by the Legislature.

**3.9 Recommended Dollar Amounts:** The dollar amount authorized to each institution is: for University of Utah, \$10,000,000, and for Utah State University, \$4,000,000.

**3.9.1** The differential is based on the typical number of projects, the total dollar value of projects, and the facilities personnel currently at each institution. Due to the impact that larger projects may have on operational budgets, it is appropriate for DFCM to decide to keep some such projects under full DFCM control.

**3.10 Design Criteria and Standards:** To reduce or eliminate redundancy in requirements and to seek uniform quality standards statewide, the institutions' design standards shall be reviewed, analyzed, and integrated into updated DFCM standards. Such standards shall be supplemented with requirements unique to each university, as needed.