

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM  
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE:** Finance, Facilities and Administration

**ITEM:** Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for the design and construction of the Innovation Hub located at the University of Houston

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:** May 2022


**SUMMARY:** Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts related to the development of the Innovation Hub at the University of Houston. The new facility will be constructed on the site of the existing Technology Annex Building. The Innovation Hub will support the University's strategic priorities by housing the Cyvia and Melvyn Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship, the Energy Transition Institute, dedicated energy innovation spaces, multidisciplinary maker space, lab, event, multipurpose, and office space to accommodate emerging University-wide innovation initiatives. The increase in overall project cost is attributable to (1) additional philanthropic funding secured to expand the scope of the Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship and (2) market-driven cost escalations, including tariffs, enhanced mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems to support lab functionality, and a rooftop structure to protect critical mechanical systems. Project scope includes full site demolition, utility infrastructure improvements, and site enhancements necessary to support long-term functionality and mission alignment.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Budget, Project Schedule, Site Map & Contract Approvals


**FISCAL NOTE:** \$83.4 million total project cost. \$52.4 million CCAP funding authorized by the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, \$28 million designated funds and \$3m donor funding.

**RECOMMENDATION/  
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item


**COMPONENT:** University of Houston

  
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**PRESIDENT** Renu Khator

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**SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR** Raymond S. Bartlett

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**CHANCELLOR** Renu Khator

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