

**Statewide Contingency.** How much is remaining from previous years under the “Statewide Contingency” line item?

There is currently \$107,870.38 in unexpended funds from FY 16 and 17. These remaining funds are critical to BGS allowing the department to address unmet financial needs from projects where the actual contracts amount is greater than the estimated project amount (due in large part of the fluxuations in the economy and current bidding environment) and/or other unforeseen project expenses throughout the year. BGS will utilize these unexpended funds along with the \$1,000,000 request for FY18 and 19 (\$500,000 in FY18 and \$500,000 in FY19).

Please note that the \$1,000,000 request for FY18 and 19 is inclusive of independent Capitol Bill requests from previous biennium’s including: 1) Statewide Contingency, 2) Planning and Reuse, and 3) the Central Vermont Building Realignment request into one line item.

**Agriculture and Agency of Natural Resource Replacement Lab.** What is the status of project delivery? What is the status of the permitting process? Will BGS expend all the \$6,000,000 request in FY18?

The project is currently behind schedule by about a month or two as the project manager was temporarily reassigned to draft and compile the Capitol Bill. However, the lab is once again the project manager’s top priority and is currently preparing all the contract documents to advertise the project.

In terms of permitting, we have received the stormwater permits and are awaiting a permit to construct a waterline extension which is due in March. Remaining permits include a water supply and Act 250 permits. However, we are confident that we will be able to attain these permits in a timely fashion.

As the project is one to two months behind, we recommend reducing the FY18 request from \$6,000,000 in FY18 to \$4,500,000 and increase the FY19 request from \$2,444,716 to \$3,944,716 (\$4,500,000 for FY18 and \$3,944,716 in FY19).

**Waterbury Re-Occupancy – Weeks Building.** Where does the \$0.3 M difference between BGS’s original request and the Governor’s recommend come from (BSG requested a total of \$4,600,000 for FY18 and 19 and the Governor’s recommends \$4,900,000 for FY18 and 19)?

The additional \$0.3 M increase accounts for site work for the Hanks Building that was not anticipated during the early stages of the estimating process. Given the close proximity of the Weeks and Hanks buildings, it is most cost effective to complete the site work for both buildings at the same time. If the site work is done independently of each other for the Hanks and Weeks buildings (at different times), it will increase overall project costs, be less efficient, and impact (disturb) the same area twice.

**Montpelier – 111 (and 109) State Street – Project form Capitol District Plan.** Who plans to move into 111 State Street? Where are they currently located? And are they in a leased or state building space?

There are a number of state agencies and departments that could occupy the 109 and 111 State Street. The answer is complicated and depends on several factors – most importantly on when the renovations projects are complete and current need. Between the two buildings, we will be adding ~13,000 sf of office space (or 54-58 workstations). However, some of this space must be used to address public circulation and accessibility. Likely candidates are listed below and will be selected based on the best value to the taxpayers of Vermont:

111 State Street: Judiciary will definitely occupy this space. Other potential candidates include: 1) GMCB, 2) Purchasing, and 3) Retirement Services.

109 State Street: 1) SOS, 2) Auditor, 3) Human Resources, 4) the independent boards, 5) Risk Management, and 6) Financial Services/Finance

Agencies and departments listed above are currently located as follows:

- a. JUD staff moving from 112 (LEASED) = 46 workstations
- b. GMCB staff moving from City Center (LEASED) = 35 workstations
- c. Purchasing and Retirements would be an internal move, so no net gain in space (only in security)
- d. SOS – State owned but possible salable property.
- e. Auditor – same
- f. HR – would free up one floor of 120 to do that huge renovation.
- g. Independent boards – some are leasing space, some are on Baldwin. All would be a savings to the State, both as operating cost savings and possible property sales.
- h. Risk Management and Financial Services - this is not a savings but does free up space at 6 Baldwin.

With respect to state savings, the State of Vermont cannot afford to leave the space unoccupied. The leased value is \$22/sf which amounts to \$300,000/year for the 13,000 sf of unused space.