

# FY26 & FY27 Capital Bill Adjustments Building and General Services

*Vermont Department of Buildings and  
General Services*

Wanda L. Minoli, Commissioner  
Joe Aja, *Director*  
*Design & Construction*

*January 29, 2026*



# **Section 12: Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets Appropriated to Buildings & General Services**



# VT Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory (VAEL) - Heat Plant

- 2019 - Lab was completed, steam provided by the central heat plant at the Vermont State University (VSU), Randolph
- FY2023 - Act 69 to design/construct a stand-alone heat plant
- FY2025 request – Design/construct a summer boiler to eliminate the short cycling on the VSU large boilers
- Install local steam generators for the autoclaves to reduce the steam pressure
- Convert the VSU heat plant to burning #2 fuel oil instead of #4

Appropriations and Expended	
FY2024 Cash	\$300,000
FY2025 Cash	\$1,500,000
FY2026 Bond	\$3,500,000
FY2026 Cash	\$0
FY2027 Bond	\$1,500,000
FY2027 Cash	\$0
Total	\$6,800,000
Expended	\$144,200
Balance	\$6,655,800





# West Springfield, MA: Vermont Building Renovation Eastern States Exposition

## Vermont Building's Centennial 2029!

- Deferred Maintenance and Rehabilitation of the building.
  - Visitor & Vendor Experience
  - Overall Maintenance
  - Systems and Functionality

Appropriations and Expended	
FY2023 Bond	\$330,000
FY2024 Bond	\$1,200,000
FY2025 Bond	\$1,500,000
FY2026 Bond	\$1,500,000
<b>FY2027 Bond</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
Total	\$6,030,000
<i>Expended</i>	<i>\$3,068,015</i>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$2,961,985</b>



# West Springfield, MA: Vermont Building Renovation Eastern States Exposition

Planning Completed 2023

## Phase 1- Exterior Restoration:

- Slate Roof, Cupola, Masonry, Painting, Wood siding and Ornate trim.
- Construction is 75% complete.
- Started 07/2025-12/2025, winter break, 03/2026-06/2026
- Exterior building restoration will be complete with the exception of the 15-year-old rear flat roof, the rear doors and openings.

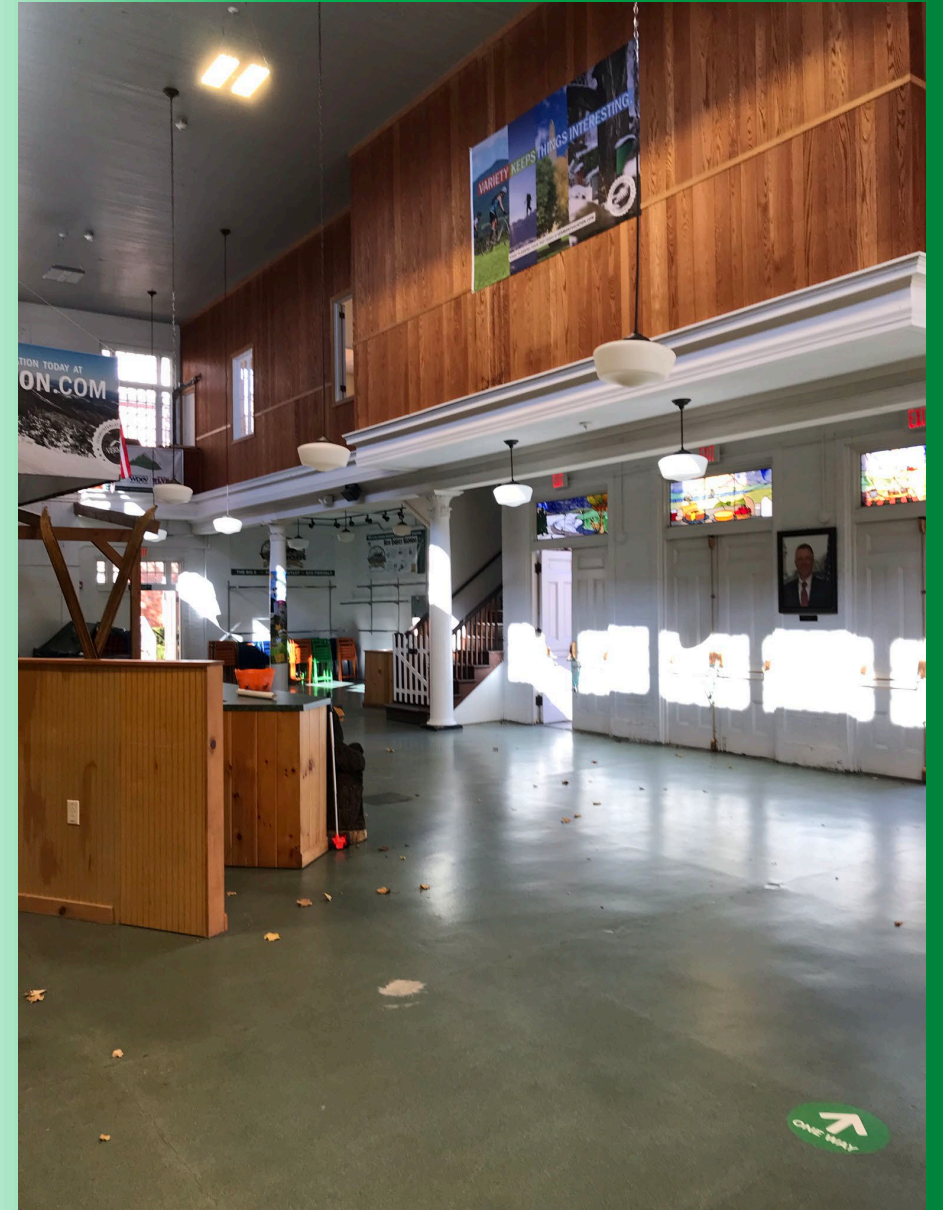




# West Springfield, MA: Vermont Building Renovation Eastern States Exposition

## Phase 2- Mechanical & Electrical Major Maintenance

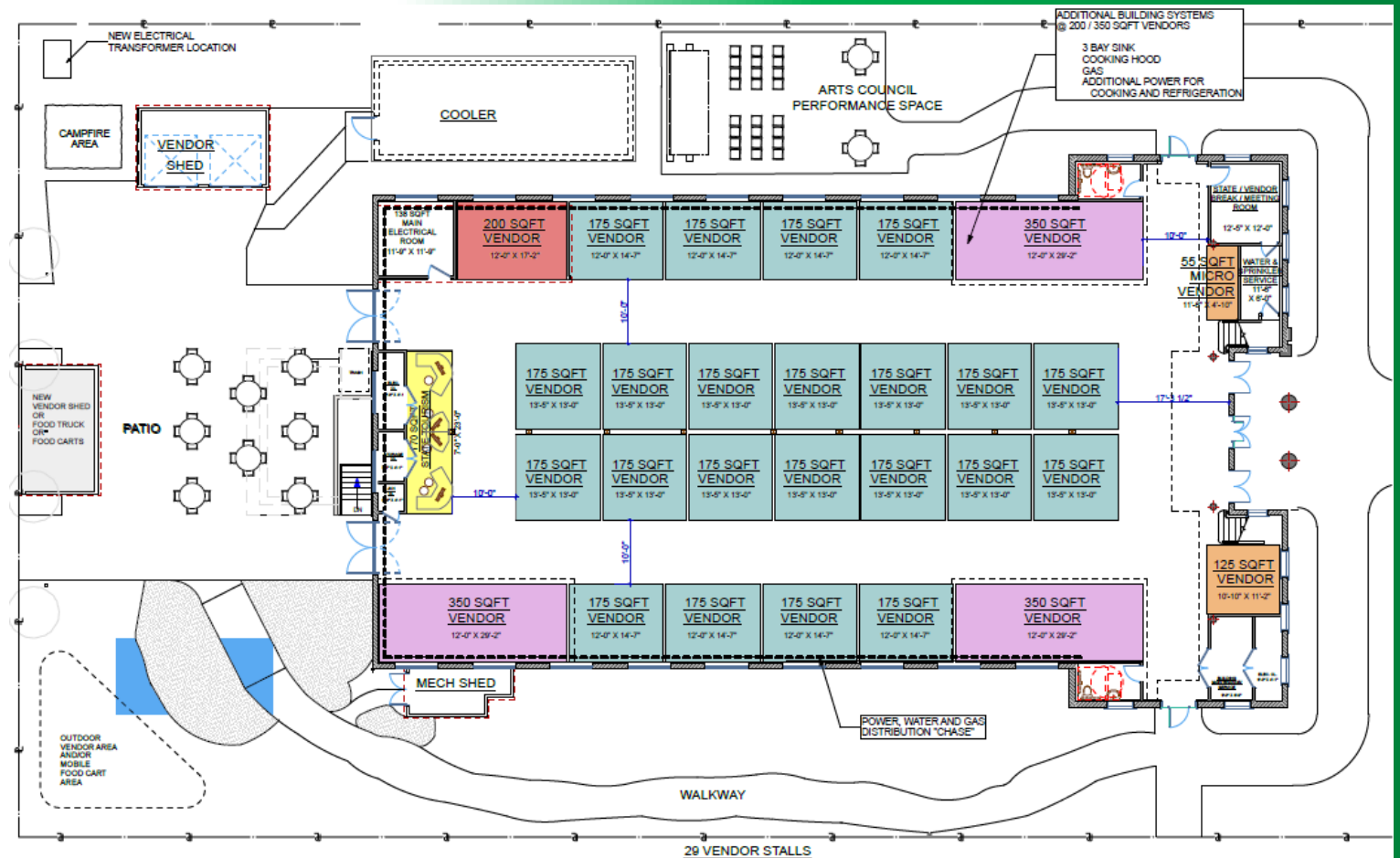
- Electrical service, Main Distribution Panel, and transformer.
- End of life electrical panel replacement and wiring
- Restroom (ADA)
- Rear Overhead Doors
- Increased longevity -Storage of modern safety system components
- Plumbing Code Requirements
- Functional Booth renovation
- Floors



# West Springfield, MA: Vermont Building Renovation Eastern States Exposition

## Phase 3- Rehabilitation

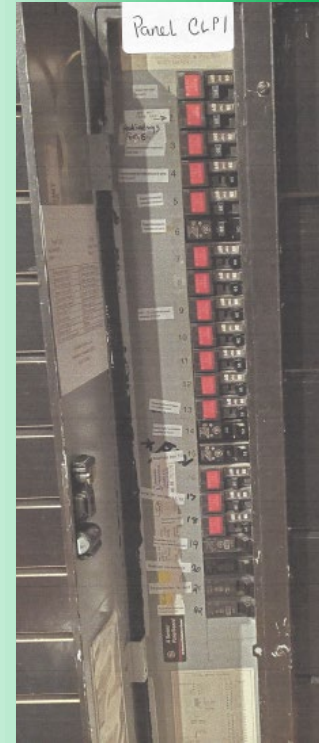
- Kitchenette & Restroom 2 (ADA & Modern)
- Continuing with Building Systems –  
Remaining Electrical  
Finishes (Deferred  
Maintenance/Safety)  
Food Service (Function/Code)  
Doors (Function)
- Visitor & Vendor Experience  
Impressions/booth success
- Sitework



# West Springfield, MA: Vermont Building Renovation Eastern States Exposition

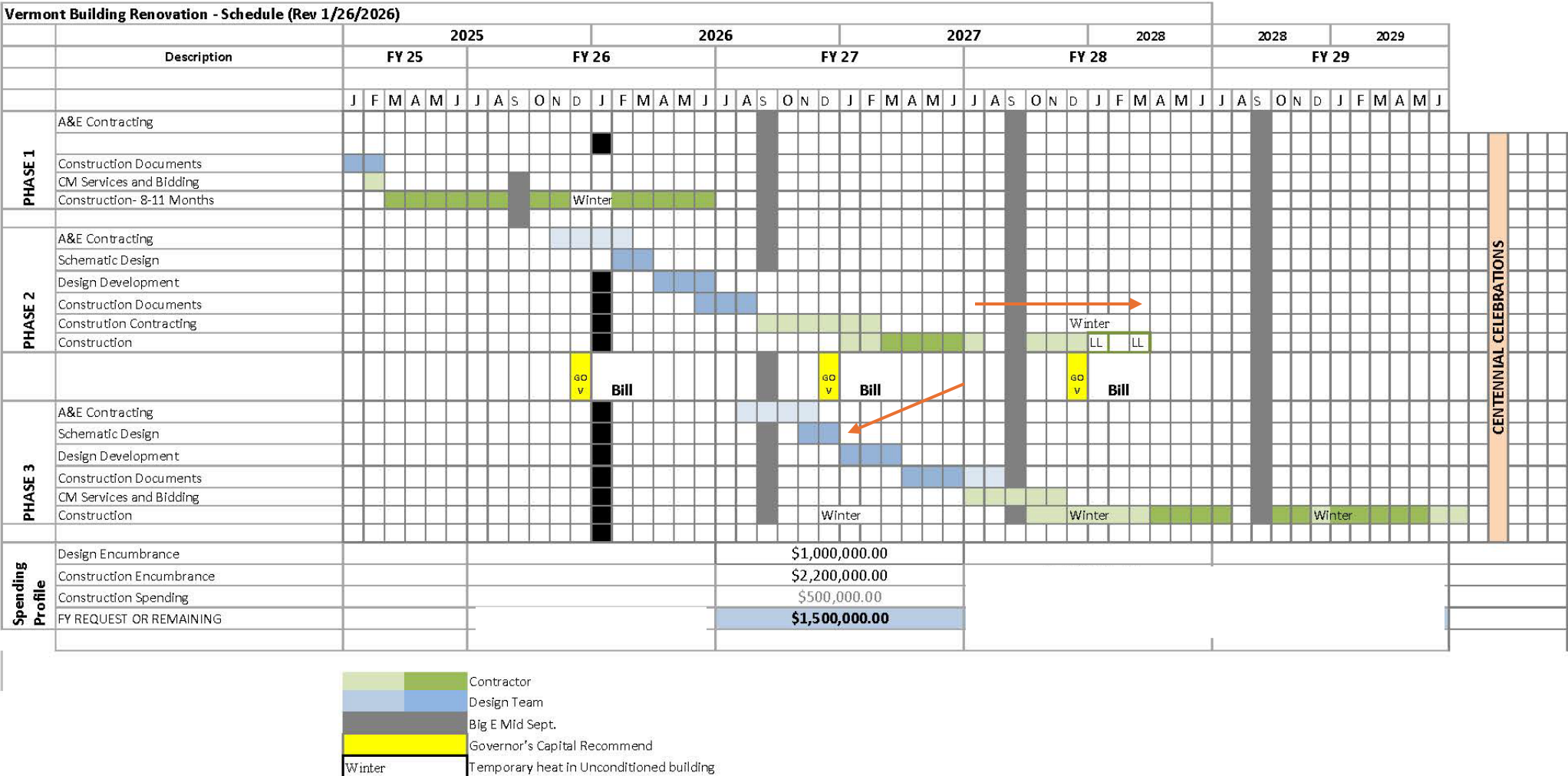
## FY2027 & Remaining funds:

- Phase 2 Design and Construction
- Construction will be prolonged a year due to electrical lead times, resulting in overlap with Phase 3 construction.
- Phase 3 Design started
- Construction Manager hired for Phase 2 & 3.





# West Springfield, MA: Vermont Building Renovation



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS