

Agenda Brief: Capital Infrastructure Initiative

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Background Information:

- The BAA PBD approved a proposal from the Capital Infrastructure Task Force for a survey of institutions to generate an estimate of total capital infrastructure needs on our campuses. The approval included a plan to pay for the survey cost through an assessment of institutions included in the survey.
- A letter from PBD Chair, Barbara Allen-Dias, along with the individual institutional assessment invoices, was sent to Administrative Heads in November. A reminder letter was sent out on January 18th and extensive follow-ups were conducted with many institutions. Nearly all land-grant institutions are participating.
- A contract with Sightlines was signed by APLU to conduct the survey and generate estimates of capital infrastructure needs that can be aggregated across the entire system. Sightlines is a firm that specializes in the measurement and strategic assessment of facilities assets. It has extensive experience in working on a number of the APLU campuses and has a strong baseline of information on many of our institutions.
- Sightlines will produce a written report and Power Point presentation that will document the amount of deferred maintenance at the universities that can be aggregated by region of the country. They will provide campus data, analysis and the report on-line in a format that can be regularly updated. In addition, Sightlines will provide recommendations for actions that can be taken at the campus, state and national levels to address and manage deferred maintenance.
- A steering committee was appointed to work with Sightlines. The committee will provide feedback and guidance, assist with institutional contacts and follow-up, review drafts of the preliminary and final reports, and generally serve as a sounding board. The committee is composed of selected institutional facilities directors that Sightlines have contacted through their previous experiences, along with the five Research Executive Directors, an Extension Executive Director, and Ian Maw. The Steering Committee held its first conference call with Sightlines on December 11th. The Committee provided feedback on the (1) types of facilities to be included in the study; (2) general methodology; and (3) schedule of activities.
- Sightlines is in the process of scheduling two one-hour webinars for those participating in the survey to explain how the survey forms should be completed.
- The study will begin in March and be completed by May/June.

Action Requested: For information only.