

Notice of Exemption

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From: University of California, Los Angeles
Capital Programs
1060 Veteran Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90095

Project Title: Deep Energy Efficiency Projects at Five (5) Campus Buildings
Project Location: Various buildings on UCLA campus, Los Angeles, CA 90095
Project – City: Los Angeles
Project – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The proposed project will upgrade existing mechanical and lighting systems to reduce energy usage in five (5) buildings on the UCLA campus: (1) Neuroscience Research Building; (2) Royce Hall; (3) Physics & Astronomy Building (Phase 1); (4) Terasaki Life Sciences Building; and (5) (Renee & David) Kaplan Hall. The projects will encompass a wide spectrum of energy efficiency efforts of varying size and complexity, such as renewal and retrofit of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, lighting retrofits, building controls upgrades, and monitoring-based commissioning that benefits whole buildings.

The scope of work for each building will be individually tailored, but will include such measures as: installation of new controls to optimize scheduling and regulate temperature, humidity, water pressure, and air flow; installation of energy efficient valves and variable frequency drives (VFDs) on the chilled water system air handling units to optimize HVAC equipment operations; installation of occupancy sensors and photocell controls for exterior lights; and replacement of fluorescent lights with LEDs. Related scope will include patch and paint of walls in areas impacted by the work. In locations where equipment is above the existing ceilings grids, work will include ceiling removal and re-installation, or replacement, after work is complete.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California, Los Angeles
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California, Los Angeles
Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b) (c));
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15301, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: Pursuant to state law and University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, the proposed project is categorically exempt under Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities. The project is exempt because it consists of interior alterations to existing facilities with no expansion of use. No exceptions to a Categorical Exemption per CEQA Section 15300.2 apply.

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Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant