

PUBLIC NOTICE
Tupper Hall Phase III
Federal Grant Application

Notice is hereby given that the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) is responding to a request for proposals from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for federal funds to renovate existing space in Tupper Hall used by the School of Medicine's infectious disease research programs. The proposed renovations would modernize and improve existing facilities to support modern research methods and to provide a safe and efficient research environment. The proposed project would renovate approximately 18,500 gross square feet of existing Biosafety Level 2 (BSL-2) research laboratories, Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) laboratories, and animal space to current BSL-3 standards and would accommodate BSL-3 practices, equipment, and facilities, which are suitable for work involving agents that may cause serious or potentially lethal disease as a result of exposure.

The space is utilized by School of Medicine faculty, staff and students from the departments of Medical Microbiology & Immunology, Internal Medicine (Division of Infectious Disease) and Medical Pathology whose research focuses on using animal models of human infectious and immunologic disease to better understand the disease, diagnostic tools, and treatments. In recent years, the research has focused on among other things, HIV/SIV pathogenesis, anti-viral therapies and vaccine development; vaccine development for Valley Fever; strategies for control of malaria; host-pathogen interactions of Salmonella and other pathogenic species. Tupper Hall is located on campus in the Health Sciences District, approximately one mile southwest of the UC Davis academic core.

The campus will submit a Federal Grant Application for the proposed facility by December 15, 2004, and federal funds could be awarded in September 2005. An attachment to the grant application (Environmental Analysis Form) presents the campus' preliminary evaluation of the environmental and community effects of the proposed project pursuant to NIH requirements for the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

The proposed Tupper Hall renovation project would be consistent with the campus development anticipated through 2015-16 in UC Davis' 2003 Long Range Development Plan (2003 LRDP) and evaluated in the 2003 LRDP Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Due to emphasis on shared use of larger labs, the total number of fume hoods will be reduced slightly. Materials used in, and waste generated by the renovated facility will be handled and treated consistent with state and federal regulations and guidelines.

If selected for award of federal funds, the potential environmental effects of the proposed project would be fully evaluated by NIH pursuant to the requirements of

NEPA. Prior to project approval by the University of California, an environmental review would be performed pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In accordance with Federal Executive Order 11514, which implements NEPA, any individual or group may comment on, or request information concerning, the environmental implications of the proposed project. Communications should be addressed to Vice Chancellor John A. Meyer, Office of Resource Management and Planning, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616 by January 22, 2005. Beginning December 15, 2004, the environmental analysis information from the federal grant application will be available for review during normal working hours at Reserves in Shields Library on campus, at the UC Davis Carlson Health Sciences Library, and on-line at www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environreview.