

ALC Report  
For Emergency Review of  
Method of Finance (MOF)  
May 30, 2018

On May 30, 2018, Senator Bill Sample and Representative Jim Dotson, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and Senator Scott Flippo and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of Review Subcommittee received written notification from Larry Walther, DFA Director requesting review of a Method of Finance (MOF).

The MOF is for UAPB for the Golden Lions Stadium Renovations which includes replacement of the scoreboard and turf. The University received a donation on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the project and it is expected to take 90 days to complete. This pushes the completion date into August when practice should begin.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, on May 30, 2018, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and ALC Review Subcommittee unanimously determined that emergency review of the contract was essential to enable the agency to perform essential services. Following is a summary of the MOF that was given emergency review and a copy of the request from Larry Walther and a letter from UAPB.

Summary of MOF

Method of Finance – UAPB – MOF# 04315

Renovation of Golden Lion Stadium – To replace scoreboard and turf


Initial Cost - \$2,200,000                      Estimated Total Projected Cost - \$2,200,000

Type of Funding – Private Donation 100%

Respectfully Submitted,



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Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council

  
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Senator Scott Flippo, Co-Chair  
ALC Review Subcommittee

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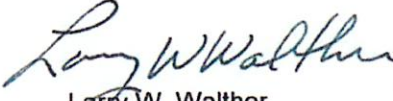
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RE: Emergency Method of Finance Review Request – MOF# 04315

Dear Senator Sample and Representative Dotson:

This is to inform you that a Method of Finance (MOF) form (#04315) for renovations for the Golden Lions Stadium, requires your immediate attention. This request is an emergency due to the fact, that UAPB only recently secured the necessary funding for these renovations. The project will take approximately 90 days to complete. This puts the completion date near the first week of August, with only days remaining before summer practice begins. Because of the time-sensitive nature of these renovations, the Department of Finance and Administration – Office of Accounting respectfully requests an expedited review.

Sincerely,

  
Larry W. Walther  
Director



Office of the Chancellor

April 30, 2018

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3418 Highway 160 E, Hermitage, 71647


Dear Sirs,

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) is seeking emergency review of the attached Method of Finance (MOF) for renovations for the Golden Lions Stadium. The emergency nature of this request is because UAPB has only recently been able to secure the necessary funding for these renovations. The funding, which is 100% private money, was secured through a generous gift from a local donor that was only recently finalized.

Part of the renovations will include replacement of the stadium scoreboard system, which is nearly 20 years old and does not comply with Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) requirements (SWAC is the conference in which UAPB plays). The existing stadium scoreboard system lost video capability 3 years ago and the score clock failed twice in the last year. Due to the age of the scoreboard, the parts are no longer in production and the Windows 98 operating system is no longer supported by Microsoft. If the scoreboard were to fail completely during the season, UAPB would be subject to fines and penalties by the NCAA and SWAC. Furthermore, SWAC rules now require instant replay capabilities, which we are not currently able to support. Additionally, we will also be replacing the playing field with artificial turf. Over the last few seasons we have received complaints from both our coaching staff and opposing teams about the unevenness of the field increasing the risk injury to players.

The project will take approximately 90 days to complete. This puts completion near the first week of August with summer practice beginning only a few days later. Our staff will also need time to train in the operation and maintenance of the new systems. Any delay would result in the project not being completed in time. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting emergency review of the MOF so that we can begin these much needed renovations.

Sincerely,

  
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