Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents

Agenda Item: Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Elizabethtown CTC Science Building Expansion interim scope increase approval.

<u>Action Question</u>: Recommend the Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) Board of Regents approve the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Science Building Expansion project with a scope increase of \$6,100,000.

Rationale: This project at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College will expand the Science Building by approximately 7,000 gross square feet to create larger science labs with more student capacity and design updates befitting a modern science facility. In addition to Science classrooms and labs, the expansion will also include the Computer and Information Technology program which is being relocated from the Occupational Technical Building as part of the current renovation project in that building. This project will also include exterior improvements including an updated facelift for the building.

The current budget for this project is \$3,500,000. The project will be increased by \$6,100,000 with a new revised budget of \$9,600,000. The source of funding will be KCTCS agency funds. Current market conditions have warranted an increase to this estimate, along with the cost of the addition of the Computer and Information Technology classrooms and labs.

This project is critical to student recruitment and retention with the intent to create a science facility that competes with other regional universities.

Background: In accordance with KRS 164A.575, interim project authorization for a capital construction project with a scope greater than \$1,000,000 be approved by the KCTCS Board of Regents and reported to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.