

December 2, 2013

Jose Z. Garcia, PhD  
Cabinet Secretary  
Higher Education Department  
State of New Mexico  
2048 Galisteo Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Marshall Hall Renovation:

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I am in receipt of a draft of the New Mexico Higher Education Capital Projects General Obligation Bonds FY2015 Recommendations. The document shows that NMMI requested \$3.75 million for the renovation of Marshall Hall when, in fact, we requested \$5.0 million.

My staff has had numerous follow-on discussions with the Capital Projects staff since we met in August at ENMU-R. We reiterated during each follow-on conversation that our proposed project was the renovation of Marshall Hall at a cost of \$5.0 million.

During that August meeting, I discussed the fact that every project NMMI brings before your committee is supported by a Schematic Design Review (SDR), for which we pay between \$30,000 and \$50,000, so that the estimated cost of our projects is documented, and not supported by guess work. We provide the SDR in support of the amount we are requesting. We do not inflate our request.

As I explained at that meeting, NMMI has contributed as much as 35% of the total project costs from NMMI funds to support the last three projects NMMI has completed, or is in the process of completing. Additionally, I explained the need to renovate Bates Hall, our dining facility. I informed the committee that we were going to sell NMMI bonds to complete that project without asking for any GO bond assistance. We have completed the sale of the bonds, and we will be spending \$13.0 million to renovate our dining facility.

Because of the significant total of NMMI funds spent over the past few years on capital improvements, we requested \$5.0 million in GO Bond support, without any NMMI matching funds to complete the renovation of Marshall Hall. With all of this as background information, I hope you can understand my

confusion, and concern, when I saw a document that reflected that we had asked for only \$3.75 million against a \$5.0 million project cost with no indication of how the deficit would be covered.

Please accept this letter as NMMI's formal request for approval of \$5.0 million to renovate Marshall Hall.

Sincerely,

Jerry W. Grizzle, PhD  
Major General, USA (Retired)  
President and Superintendent