



RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE ANALYST QUESTION

TU should comment on why there is a difference between its operating impact estimates and the estimates of the Department of Budget and Management. TU should also comment on the need for additional personnel in FY 2009 given the building's June 2009 completion date.

The difference noted lies in how the university **requests funds** versus how DBM **allocates funds**. All operating equipment must be purchased and installed as each building phase is completed, resulting in a budget request that includes the funds needed for equipment, as well as those needed to heat, cool, and power the building. DBM prorates the cost of the operating equipment over several years.

The request for funding of the additional maintenance employee in FY 2009 is based on the time needed to hire and train a new employee to be properly prepared for the opening of Phase 1 of the building. It takes several months to hire and train new building mechanics, and completing this training while the design engineers are still on site is advantageous.