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Subject: THECB Facilities Audit

We have completed the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Facilities Audit as part of our [FY23 Audit Plan](#). The objective of this audit was to determine if The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) accurately reported facilities data to the THECB and received Board of Regents approval for facilities projects. The report is attached for your review.

Overall, UTD accurately reported facilities data to the THECB and received approval from the Board of Regents. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding this audit.

Distribution List:

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External Parties

- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- The University of Texas System Audit Office
- Legislative Budget Board
- Governor's Office
- State Auditor's Office

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Background

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) performs required reviews on all educational and general (E&G) facilities at higher education institutions once every five years. The last audit covered Fiscal Year 2011 through Fiscal Year 2015, and this audit was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

To support the THECB review, the Office of Audit and Consulting Services is required to conduct a review of facilities projects that are subject to review per the [Texas Administrative Code](#):

- New construction of building and facilities and/or additions to building and facilities having an E&G project cost of \$10 million or greater.
- Repair and renovation projects for buildings and facilities having an E&G project cost of \$10 million or greater.
- Improved real property purchases that the institution intends to include in the E&G buildings and facilities inventory if the purchase price is more than \$1,000,000.
- Energy Savings Performance Contract projects.
- Projects financed by tuition revenue bonds pursuant to Education Code §61.0572 and §61.058.

Objectives, Scope, and Methodology

The objective of this audit was to determine if The University of Texas at Dallas accurately reported facilities data to the THECB and received Board of Regents approval for facilities projects. The scope was FY16 to FY23, to date. We performed the following procedures to meet our objectives:

- Interviewed Facilities Management to gain an understanding of the capital project approval process.
- Obtained a listing of projects that met THECB reporting standards.
- Tested a sample of projects to determine for Board of Regents approval.
- Tested a sample of projects to ensure that data was accurately reported to the THECB.

Results

We tested all five projects reported for approvals/re-approvals and accuracy. We found that all five projects were properly approved, and documentation existed to support the information reported to the THECB.

Conclusion

Based on the audit work performed, UTD accurately reported facilities data to the THECB and received approval from the Board of Regents.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation received from the management and staff in Facilities Management and the THECB as part of this audit.