AGENDA

U. T. Board of Regents' Special Telephone Meeting Chairman's Office, 9th Floor, Ashbel Smith Hall, 201 West Seventh Street February 26, 2003 – 2:00 p.m. CST

A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

(Chairman Miller)

B. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM

U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio: Request for Approval to Purchase a 3.0T High Performance MR Imaging System (ACTION ITEM)

- C. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO <u>TEXAS GOVERNMENT</u> <u>CODE</u>, CHAPTER 551 (**NOT EXPECTED TO BE NEEDED**)
 - Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers - Section 551.071
 - Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees -Section 551.074
 - a. <u>U. T. System: Consideration of Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment and Duties of Officers or Employees</u>
 - b. <u>U. T. System: Consideration of Personnel Matters Relating to Evaluation of Presidents and U. T. System Executive Officers</u>
- D. IF NEEDED: RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM(S)
- E. ADJOURNMENT

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RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, Acting Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and President Cigarroa that the U. T. Board of Regents approve the purchase of a research-dedicated, high-resolution, state-of-the-art 3.0T high performance MR imaging system at an estimated cost of \$2.7 million. The source of funding will be a National Center for Research Resources/National Institutes for Health (NCRR/NIH) grant award in the amount of \$1.7 million and the remaining \$1 million from a \$4 million grant from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) through the Department of Health and Human Services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. Health Science Center – San Antonio's current MRI system is facing obsolescence. The acquisition of this imaging system will support the diabetes research conducted under the HRSA grant and will also serve to support the needs of the broader research community by enhancing the capabilities of the Research Imaging Center.

While this request would normally be presented for approval via the docket, approval is requested prior to the May 7-8, 2003 meeting because the HRSA grant requires \$1 million of the grant to be activated by March 1, 2003, or risk forfeiture of the entire \$4 million award.