

# **Manual of Policy and Procedures**

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### PURPOSE

This policy provides direction to the colleges for capital project management and to ensure that the financial resources allocated to such projects are used in a manner that reflects prudent and responsible management practices. This policy creates an orderly, efficient and coordinated system to plan, budget, and implement capital projects at all VSC institutions.

### STATEMENT OF POLICY

This policy applies to all VSC capital construction, renovation and maintenance projects. VSC facilities will be constructed, renovated, and maintained at the highest possible standard within available resources.

The Chancellor shall adopt and update as necessary procedures implementing this policy in a document titled the "VSC Construction Manual." Construction, renovation and maintenance projects shall be accomplished in accordance with this Policy, the VSC Construction Manual, other VSC Policies, and applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

#### Project Levels

In order to use available construction funds and staff time efficiently and to maintain consistency, all construction projects will be classified into one of three levels of project categories during the initial project review meeting. At this meeting, administrative responsibilities of VSC and college staff will be determined.

<u>Level I projects</u> are those that, at the outset, are estimated to cost less than \$100,000 in total. Level I projects will be organized and administered at each college with purchase orders, invoice review and approval completed by each campus. However, where professional services are involved, contracts will be issued by the Office of the Chancellor. VSC pre-approved vendors should be used to complete these projects. Competitive bids shall be required for Level I projects with the college soliciting at least three bids from qualified providers unless the Pre-approved vendors list is used.

<u>Level II projects</u> are those that, at the outset, are estimated to cost between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in total. These projects generally involve alterations or renovations of existing buildings or more complex maintenance projects and will typically require the contracted services design professionals. Contracts for professional services will be issued and administered through the VSC Office of the Chancellor.

All contract invoice payments resulting from Level II projects will be issued from the Office of the Chancellor, with review and approval by the VSC Director of Facilities and the college Dean of Administration, or designee. In the event that professional services are not used, and accordingly no contracts issued,

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## Reporting