

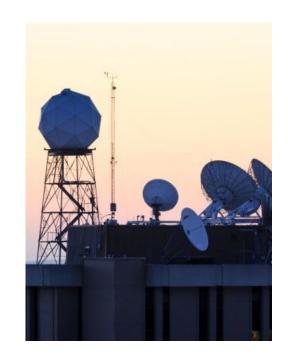
# Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education (VCRGE) 2023-29 Six-Year Capital Plan Request

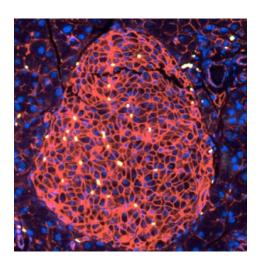
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### **OVCRGE Overview**

- Mission: To foster outstanding research at UW– Madison and improve the competitiveness of our faculty, staff, and students as they pursue their research programs.
- Long history of multidisciplinary research at UW– Madison, dating back over 100 years. More than \$1.3 billion in annual research expenditures.





- 16 multidisciplinary research centers include more than 2,000 faculty, students, post-docs, and staff from all 4 divisions.
- Facilities stretch across the university, and conditions vary greatly—from state-of-the-art to structurally unsound and/or unfit for their research, educational, or outreach uses.

### **UW–Madison High Containment Core Facility**

#### Need

- Lack of sufficient facilities for research on emerging and re-emerging pathogens
- Existing biosafety level (BSL) 3 spaces managed by individual units
- Some are structurally incomplete, underfunded, or used for BSL2 work
- Some researchers were unable to transition to comprehensive SARS-CoV-2 studies, many partnered to conduct research off campus

### Supporting Programmatic Needs and University Priorities

- Excellence in Research & Scholarship
- Living the Wisconsin Idea

### Creation of Revenue Opportunities

- Increasing sponsor investments in new potentially pandemic pathogens
- Improved competitiveness for external funding

### Impact of Status Quo

- Delays in currently funded projects
- Missed funding opportunities
- Reduced ability to retain top faculty in a high-impact research areas

### **UW–Madison High Containment Core Facility**

### Preliminary Recommendations

- 6+ BSL3 labs (200–300 square feet each) designed to meet Tier 1 select agent requirements
- 3+ ABSL3 (animal) rooms with procedure space
- Facilities allowing personnel to shower in/out
- Adjacent BSL2 labs for related research activities not requiring BSL3 space

### Location TBD, Options:

- New construction at University Research Park
- Identify and remodel existing space

### Budget

- Roughly \$1,000 per gross square foot, size TBD
- Recommend 2027+
- Gift/Grant funding



# **Consolidated WI National Primate Research Facility**

#### Need

- Operate in 5 buildings across campus and outside of Madison
  - Decentralization creates inefficiencies
- Aging buildings on Capitol Court
- Existing facilities at capacity
  - 2 current construction grants to expand existing space are modest compared to need
  - Square footage needed per animal is increasing
- Inadequate animal biosafety level 3 (ABSL3) housing & procedure space
- More flexible research, housing, and procedural space needed



# **Consolidated WI National Primate Research Facility**

### Supporting Programmatic Needs and University Priorities

- Excellence in Research & Scholarship
- Living the Wisconsin Idea

### Creation of Revenue Opportunities

- Increasing sponsor investments in new potentially pandemic pathogens
- Anticipate continued growth over next 10+ years
  - Key areas: infectious disease, neuroscience, reproductive & regenerative medicine, and energy metabolism & chronic disease
- Improved competitiveness for external funding

### Impact of Status Quo

- Missed funding opportunities
- Hindered ability to participate in national efforts to combat infectious diseases—nonhuman primate model key to continued progress
- Growing costs associated with maintaining aging infrastructure
- Failure to attract/retain researchers, staff, students, employees-in-training

### Budget

- TBD
- Recommend 2027+
- Anticipate gift-grant funding

### Connecting Strategic Plan to a Facilities Plan

### **Strategic Objectives**

### **UW Strategic Priorities:**

- 1. Excellence in research & scholarship
- 2. Living the Wisconsin Idea

### OVCRGE Facilities Priorities:

- Optimize UW's research infrastructure and grow its research portfolio
- 2. Support faculty recruitment & retention
- 3. Design spaces with flexibility to meet future needs

### **Major Project Priorities 2023-29**

# 1. High Containment Core Facility

- Size TBD
- ~\$1,000/SF
- G/G funding
- 2027+

### 2. Consolidated Primate Research Center

- Size and budget TBD
- G/G funding
- 2027+



# Questions?