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Board of Regents – Monitor Contract and Grant Levels – Letter of Intent – FY12

The Legislature approved a 10% cut for the Board of Regent's FY2012 budget totaling \$17,209,994 in general funds. A portion of those general funds would have been used to provide match for contracts and grants from the Federal Government and from private corporations.

A decrease in available matching funds has the potential to dramatically decrease the number and amount of grants and contracts available to the South Dakota University system.

It is the request of the 2011 Joint Committee on Appropriations that the Board of Regents provide biannual reports containing a historical view of the level of grant and contract awards from outside sources for each university. Any significant increase or decrease, along with a reason for the change, should be noted. For example, if a professor's position is cut and he/she leaves, taking a large grant with them to their new university, this should be highlighted.

The reports shall be made available to the committee on July 30 (January-June) and January 30 (July-December) beginning in 2012 and ending in 2015.