

**DATE:** July 24, 2008

**SUBJECT:** THEC Space Planning Guidelines

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Information

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The THEC Space Planning Study Committee (SPSC) has been established to develop recommendations for space planning guidelines for Tennessee public higher education institutions. The committee consists of representatives from THEC, TBR, and UT as well as the consultants from Dober, Lidsky, Craig, and Associates (DLC+A). The committee discussed the institutions that should be surveyed and the type of institutional data available.

The consultants have visited ten institutions this summer, and they will visit six more within the next few weeks. Each institution visited is providing information on facilities, utilities, enrollment, staffing, and other data. DLC+A will use that information gathered to create general space planning guidelines to be used at the different types of institutions in the state. They will also comment on existing space utilization at Tennessee public higher education institutions. The guidelines will provide THEC with accurate estimates and analysis of space requirements for campus facilities and will assist the UT and TBR systems in development of campus master plans and capital projects. DLC+A will submit the draft of their recommendations to THEC in October. The results of their findings will be presented at a future date.