

SOFTBALL FIELD

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
OSHKOSH CAMPUS
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Agency Priority (Non-GFSB)

Recommendation: \$500,000
GIFTS
2007-2009

PROJECT REQUEST:

This project would enumerate \$500,000 to construct a 3,300 GSF softball stadium facility at the Oshkosh Athletic Complex. The facility will provide integrated grandstands, public restrooms, concessions and storage for the softball field.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the request.

ANALYSIS OF NEED:

This is the fourth phase in the development of the Oshkosh Athletic Complex. Previous work has included a men's baseball facility, football/soccer stadium and track improvements, and a build-out of facilities in the stadium. Federal Title IX anti-discrimination legislation mandates gender equity in college athletic program funding and support. The construction of a men's baseball grandstand and support building in the previous biennium has created a potential inequity that could be considered a violation of that legislation. The construction of this facility will address that inequity. A softball grandstand and support building will provide needed amenities for spectators attending UW-Oshkosh women's softball games.

ALTERNATIVES:

According to the request there are no alternatives which would meet Title IX compliance requirements.

CAPITAL BUDGET:

	Request
Construction:	\$438,000
Design:	26,000
DSF Fee:	0*
Contingency:	31,000
Equipment:	5,000
Percent for Art	0*
TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>

* Budget is based on the project being built by the UW - O Foundation and given to the campus after completion.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT:

Not stated.

ALTERNATE DELIVERY METHOD REQUESTED? The university will request authority to complete the work through a design-build process overseen by the UW-Oshkosh Foundation. This is the same process that was used to complete the first three phases of work in the Oshkosh Athletic Complex. After completion of the work, the property will be returned to UW-Oshkosh with all the improvements completed.

In September 2003, UW-Oshkosh received permission from the State Building Commission to construct a 9,250 GSF Baseball Grandstand and Support Building under a land use agreement between the UW-Oshkosh Foundation and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System. That facility has been constructed and attention is now focused on providing similar facilities for the women's softball team. It is anticipated that a similar request will be made to the State Building Commission to enter into a land use agreement for the design and construction of this facility.