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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: August 27, 2020

Re: UWS Report to JFC

Attached is a report on the 2020 Classified Research Contracts from the University of Wisconsin System, pursuant to s. 36.45(4), Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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DATE: August 26, 2020
TO: Senator Alberta Darling, Co-Chair
Representative John Nygren, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
FROM: Tommy G. Thompson, President *Tommy G. Thompson*
RE: 2020 Report on Classified Research Contracts

Section 36.45(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the University of Wisconsin System to report annually to the Joint Committee on Finance the number of research contracts considered under the process established in s. 36.11(55m)(e), Wis. Stats., and the outcome of those contracts.

2013 Wisconsin Act 289, which created the process for considering research contracts involving government security classifications or similar restrictions, was enacted on April 17, 2014. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, two research contracts were reviewed using the criteria established in s. 36.11(55m), Wis. Stats:

- **UW-Madison:** Two contracts were considered. Both contracts satisfied the relevant statutory requirements and were approved.

Additionally, while not a contract that falls under s. 36.45(4), Wis. Stats., UW-Stout has a federal grant that funds student tuition in cybersecurity after which the student works for a defense/security agency. The contract is not a research contract involving government security classifications.

If you require any additional information regarding this report, please contact Jeff Buhrandt, Senior Director, State Relations (608-262-1312).

cc: Robert Cramer, Vice President for Administration, UW System Administration