



# Renovation, Maintenance and Repair of Leased University Facilities

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## 1.0 Purpose

Real Estate Management (REM), within the Division of Facilities, is charged with the responsibility for the design, construction, renovation, and maintenance of the university's leased facilities. The purpose of this policy is to provide the necessary structure to successfully manage this responsibility.

## 2.0 Policy

All construction, renovation, maintenance, or repair of university leased facilities, and the installation of equipment within those facilities, shall be accomplished under the management and direction of the university's REM unit. This policy shall not apply to university owned facilities and portable or standalone equipment that does not impact building equipment, utilities, or systems.

## 3.0 Procedures

### 3.1 Point of Contact

REM shall be the single point of contact for all university leased facility work covered by this policy. Members of the university community wishing to pursue any activity which involves the construction, renovation, maintenance, or repair of any university leased facility shall contact REM to initiate these activities. These may include procurement of professional design services, including procurement of architect/engineering (A/E) firms to prepare plans and specifications for facilities projects; preparation of designs; procurement of labor and materials; and accomplishment of the work itself. In addition to questions about construction, maintenance, and renovations, all questions about project feasibility, cost estimates, university policy and procedures, and similar issues related to leased facilities or potential leases should be directed to REM.

### 3.2 University Departments, Building Owners, and Regulatory Agency Contacts

REM shall work with other university departments, building owners, and external regulatory agencies to develop and implement procedures to ensure full compliance of the design and execution of the work with applicable codes, standard permitting requirements, and other university concerns. Within the university structure, these contacts shall include, but are not limited to:

- Office of Risk Management and Insurance
- University Legal Counsel
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Network Infrastructure and Services



### 3.3 Enforcement

REM shall ensure that the requirements of this policy are enforced. This policy establishes the university's mechanism for ensuring all leased space is renovated and maintained in accordance with the terms and conditions of the lease agreement and the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

### 4.0 Definitions

**Facility:** Any portion of a building, structure, or area, including the site on which the building, structure or area is located, wherein specific services are provided, or activities are performed. This includes all utilities, systems, and building service equipment associated with the facility.

**Leased Facility:** Any portion of a building, structure, or area that is not owned by the university but is utilized by the university through an executed contractual agreement.

**Maintenance:** Work performed to a facility or the fixed systems and building service equipment therein, for the purpose of maintaining quality and functionality.

**Portable Equipment:** Equipment used within a facility but without permanent connection to the building's utility services.

**Renovation:** Any work to an existing building, structure, facility or the systems and building service equipment therein which is performed to alter, add, improve, or change the occupancy of the existing level of fire safety, means of egress, quality, or function; or to accommodate a change in the nature of the use of a space within a building or facility.

**Repair:** The reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing facility for the purpose of maintenance or restoration of its state.

### 5.0 References

Virginia Public Procurement Act

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodepopulamnames/virginia-public-procurement-act/>

### 6.0 Approval and Revisions

Approved April 24, 2002 by Raymond D. Smoot, Jr., Vice President for Administration and Treasurer.

- Revision 1  
Minor changes to correct position and department titles and revise the definition of "Leased Facility".  
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- Revision 2  
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- Revision 3  
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