

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Troy Hall Renovation

2009 – 11 Request:	\$1,800,000	Project Type:	Preservation (Renovation)
Institution Priority:	#16	Project Phase:	Design
		Gross Square Ft:	38,641

Washington State University requests \$1.8 million for design funds for the Troy Hall Renovation project.

Pre-design was funded and completed in 2003-05. The study recommended that the renovated 1926 former dairy building would be most suitable for departmental classrooms, offices, graduate student workstations, computer labs and conference rooms. It was not considered suitable for programs in the sciences or engineering, for example, that require highly specialized heating, ventilation and cooling building systems.



The College of Business, housed in nearby Todd Hall and Johnson Tower needs more space to accommodate their current programs and planned growth. The types of modernized space this project will provide match the college's requirements.

Multiple space changes have occurred in Troy Hall over the years, with a portion of the interior spaces renovated in 1973. Spaces vacated in 1992 by the University's cheese and ice cream production center (Ferdinand's) have never been renovated and are not suitable for occupancy without major renovation. Although most of Troy Hall is in deteriorated and in substandard condition, the building is considered a historically significant building on the WSU Pullman campus, is strategically located and worth preserving.

For the College of Business, lack of space imposes significant challenges for their teaching and research programs. It restricts pedagogy, confines growth and narrows research opportunities. For example, the departments of Accounting, Management, Finance and the School of Hospitality Business Management cannot add research labs, faculty and graduate offices or graduate research areas without displacing other personnel or facilities. While lack of space impacts recruitment and retention, the college also had to limit the number of students they can accept at a time when demand for programs is growing. In 2007, 1,100 majors were accepted and 132 qualified students had to be turned away. Since then, results from a freshman survey showed a 20% increase from the previous year in respondents declaring business as their intended major. To maintain current programs and accept additional enrollments, the College of Business needs to hire more faculty and find the supporting research and instructional space.

This renovation will modernize Troy Hall's building systems meeting current energy standards and turn unusable space in the core of the Pullman campus into essential program space for the College of Business.