

Appendix C – Definitions

Task Force for Building Renewal Requests

The Task Force for Building Renewal is a division of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), with oversight provided by the Legislature's Committee on Building Maintenance. The Task Force is responsible for Deferred Repair, Fire/Life-Safety, ADA (the Americans with Disabilities Act) and Energy Conservation projects. The following provides a brief description of each of these four types of projects, along with the classification system used to prioritize individual requests:

Deferred Repair - Includes all elements of the building envelope, including roofs, walls, doors and windows. It also includes the building infrastructure including heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, electrical systems and plumbing.

Class I - Items for immediate action to provide safety and protection against costly damage. If these projects are not addressed, it could very possibly stop a program or service due to a building or system failure.

Class II - Items of imperative need to correct problems that if neglected will quickly deteriorate

further into Class I items or that must be done to provide efficient use of the facility or system.

Class III - Additional items necessary to fully renew the facility or system.

Fire/Life-Safety - Includes projects that correct deficiencies that would impair the life or health of any individual within the facility or the facility itself.

Class I - Building changes/modifications for immediate action required to rectify a situation where the health and well-being of the occupants of a building are directly and clearly imperiled, or where local, state or federal codes officials have determined certain fire/life-safety improvements are needed immediately in order to ensure the safety of building occupants.

Class II - Other building changes/modifications to comply with fire/life-safety codes.

Class III - Building changes/modifications to provide better functioning or safer buildings, but not imperative for compliance with fire/life-safety building codes.

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - Accessibility Guidelines were established with the passage of this act and are the basis for all Task Force corrective action.

Class I - Structural changes/modifications for immediate action to provide access to programs or facilities regularly serving disabled or physically challenged employees.

Class II - Other structural changes or modifications to comply with ADA federal law.

Class III - Structural changes/modifications to provide better accessibility but not imperative for compliance with ADA federal law.

Energy Conservation - Includes any measures taken to conserve energy and includes participation in the Green Lights Program.

Class I - Items for immediate action to correct deficiencies creating excessive use of energy resources. Projects for which energy conservation measure funding applications have been or are planned to be submitted to the Nebraska Energy Office should be included in this category.

Class II - Items that, if not addressed, will create an additional strain on energy resources and, if accomplished, would result in operating expenditure reductions.

Class III - Items that would contribute to a totally energy-efficient system, but that would not be considered imperative.