



UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION & STRATEGIC RELATIONS

December 19, 2024

Commissioner Geoffrey Landward  
Utah System of Higher Education  
The Gateway  
60 South 400 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Re: Utah Valley University – UCAS Modular Buildings Proposal

Dear Commissioner Landward,

I am writing to request approval for the purchase and installation of two new modular buildings on the Utah Valley University (UVU) campus to consolidate the Utah County Academy of Sciences (UCAS) and replace the existing structure.

The current UCAS building at UVU is 40 years old and no longer adequately accommodates all students and staff. To address this issue, UCAS proposes installing two new modular buildings on the McKay Building site, fully funded by UCAS. The plan includes a large main building to replace the existing structure and a smaller building to be located west of the Multipurpose Building.

The new modular buildings will enable UCAS to operate on a single campus. The estimated costs for these modular structures are as follows:

1. \$4,906,790 for a 140' x 70' 8 Classroom Modular Complex
2. \$2,996,270 for a 224' x 70' 13 Classroom Modular Complex

Additionally, the existing UCAS modular building will be relocated to the L9 parking area, with an expected move cost of \$600,000, including new foundations, connections, and remodeling.

UCAS currently leases buildings and covers maintenance and utilities through an operating agreement with UVU. The new buildings will be managed under a renewed agreement, with the lease increasing from \$11,228 to \$16,172. The sale of the UCAS building in Provo will fund the new modular buildings.

Under the lease agreement, UVU will own the new structures.

Thank you for considering this request. We believe these new facilities will significantly enhance the educational environment for UCAS students and staff.

Sincerely,

Val L. Peterson  
Vice President of Administration and Strategic Relations  
Utah Valley University

CC: Nate Talley, USHE Deputy Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer  
Jim Mortensen, UVU Vice President of Finance and Auxiliary Services  
Clark Collings, UVU General Counsel  
Frank Young, UVU Associate Vice President of Facilities and Planning