1. **Issue:** NDSU seeks Chancellor's interim authorization proceed construction of the seed conditioning facility at the NCREC (North Central Research Extension Center). NDSU has previously received approval to order the seed conditioning equipment at a cost of $750,000. This request is to construct the building which will house the equipment at a cost of $880,000. NDSU retains approximately $620,000 in remaining authority for additional work as needed. Donated funds/effort for construction is sufficient and available.

2. **Proposed motion:** Ratify Chancellor's interim authorization for NDSU, to the extent permitted by statutes regulating this action, to proceed with construction of a Seed Cleaning Facility at the North Central REC in Minot, ND for a cost of $880,000 (proceeds of fundraising campaign and value of donated costs). Total project authorization is $750,000 General Fund and $1,500,000 Other Funds.

3. **Background:** Construction of a new seed conditioning plant was approved to its current level of authorized expenditure during the 64th legislative assembly, with authorization to order equipment as a partial approval to proceed granted by the SBHE in March, 2017. The project will improve working conditions and increase capacity within the seed cleaning plant.

4. **Financial implications:** None

5. **Academic implications:** None

6. **Legal/policy issues:** None

7. **Review Process:** Reviewed by Tonder

8. **Enclosures:** agenda item and related material.

9. **Contact person:** Bruce Bollinger, VP for Finance and Administration

10. **Chancellor's Recommendation:** Chancellor provided interim approval August 24, 2017 and now requests the SBHE ratify action.