VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Joint Facilities Planning – Information Item

The Supreme Court submitted a capital budget request for FY2009 to the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council in early October. The request grew out of several joint planning sessions with Court staff, the director of the University of Idaho Law School Library, Commission for Libraries staff, and a Public Works architect, with planning assistance and preliminary funding estimates from a contract architect.

The proposed Idaho Law Learning Center will consist of a law library and related spaces, several large, flexible, multi-function instruction/meeting spaces, and space for University of Idaho law school programs. The facility will support the instructional functions of the Idaho Supreme Court, the local legal community, the Idaho Commission for Libraries, and other state agencies. It will include state-of-the-art distance learning and online learning capabilities, and faculty and staff offices, work centers, and requisite office, gathering, and storage spaces.

Of an estimated total project cost of $29,758,620, $175,580 was requested for FY2009 program/schematic design services, tests and permits. If the FY2009 request is appropriated, funds for design development and creation of construction documents will be requested in FY2010 and FY2011, and construction funds in FY2012.