



COLORADO HIGHER EDUCATION COMPETITIVE RESEARCH AUTHORITY

University of Colorado:Colorado State University:University of Northern Colorado:Colorado Schools of Mines:State of Colorado

October 10, 2008

Honorable Members of the House and Senate Education Committees
State Capitol
200 East Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Annual Report of the Colorado Higher Education Competitive Research Authority

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Colorado Revised Statute §23-19.7-103(3) requires the Colorado Higher Education Competitive Research Authority (the "Authority") to report annually to the Education Committees of the Colorado House of Representatives and Senate on research projects funded by the Authority in the previous calendar year. This letter reports on calendar year 2007.

The Authority was established in 2007 with enactment of HB 07-182 to provide a dedicated source of state matching funds to institutions of higher education applying for competitive federal grants. The Authority is funded through the Waste Tire Recycling fee, which charges \$1.50 on each new tire purchased in Colorado. The Authority receives .10 cents of that fee. The CHECRA received no funds in 2007.

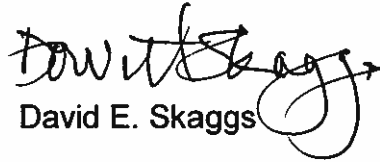
Business conducted by the CHECRA in 2007 consisted of determining members of the Board of Directors, defined by §23-19.7-103 and by the Authority's Bylaws as one member appointed by the governor and the presidents of Colorado's four research universities, or their designees, serving as ex officio members. Members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

David Skaggs, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education
(appointed by the Governor)
Michael Poliakoff, University of Colorado
William H. Farland, Colorado State University
John Poate, Colorado School of Mines
Robbyn Wacker, University of Northern Colorado

The CHECRA made no funding decisions in 2007.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Skaggs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" at the end.

David E. Skaggs

Cc: Michael Poliakoff
William H. Farland
John Poate
Robbyn Wacker