

**Southern Oregon University
2015 Legislative Session Capitol Project Request
Britt Hall - Deferred Maintenance**

General Narrative Description

Britt is third oldest building on campus. It houses classrooms, academic departments and student services. It is one of two academic buildings on campus that have had no major seismic or HVAC upgrades since original construction. The restrooms on the second floor are not A.D.A. compliant and the “rounded” roof on the second floor is leak prone and seismically flawed. The site is GSF 66,980; and the building is GSF: 35,516. The project will start when bonds are sold. Estimated completion time is 12-18 months after start date.



Programs and Services in Britt Hall

Britt Hall houses SOU's Admissions, Financial Aid and Registrar departments. It is often the first building a prospective student and family experiences on the campus. Britt Hall also houses the Campus Service Center which coordinates all student business activities. Access to programs and services in this building is critical for all students. Improvements will improve the working environment and the delivery of services to underrepresented, first generation, rural, and low income students.

Britt is also home to International Programs and English as Second Language Programs. Oregon Health Sciences University School of Nursing has their practicum labs located on the bottom floor. Student business and academic records are stored in Britt Hall.

Total Project Cost and Request: \$4,788,000

State and Institutional Goals

Addressing SOU deferred maintenance priorities is important for the overall appearance and student appeal of SOU. Improved working and service delivery conditions will improve access for underrepresented students at SOU. As with past capital construction projects on our campus, SOU will work to ensure local contractors are employed.