

The Citadel

Request for Consideration

The Citadel submitted a request for asbestos abatement as a Below-the-Line (BTL) item for 2005-06. Since capital items do not fit within the guidelines for BTL requests, The Citadel was asked to place this request in the Capital Requests. However, The Citadel has asked that we reconsider the request for \$2.8 million as a BTL because of the critical need for these funds.

In one building, which is needed for office space, the upstairs has been closed due to friable asbestos in the ceiling. In several buildings, the HVAC system and ductwork contain coated asbestos. These coatings have not deteriorated to the point that the asbestos is friable. However, they are old and The Citadel has concerns that the coatings will cause a significant air quality problem if they are not replaced before their condition worsens. The State's asbestos fund, which was created to address asbestos abatement, is depleted and the Citadel has no other way of obtaining the funds for this very critical need.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this request as a BTL item, provided it is for non-recurring funds only.