TETRA TECH

November 17, 2026

Re: University of Wisconsin – Madison, Science Hall Renovation & Addition
DFD Project # 25H4M

Dear Potentially Interested Party:

The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Development (DFD) has retained Cornerstone Environmental Group, a Tetra Tech company, on behalf of the University of Wisconsin System (UW System) to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the proposed Science Hall Renovation & Addition at the UW Madison campus. The EIA will be prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wisconsin Statutes 1.11, and University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) guidelines. An initial component of this EIA is the scoping process to identify at an early stage any potential impacts of the project on the physical, biological, social, and economic environments as well as impacts on historic, archaeological or cultural resources. Because you, your agency, or group may have an interest in the project, or are representing neighbors near the project vicinity, we are inviting you to participate in the scoping process.

Known project components and identification of potential impacts to be studied in the EIA will be collected at this early phase of design development. All identified stakeholders will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to identify in writing any support, issues, or concerns they believe should be addressed during the EIA process for this proposed project.

This project will comprehensively rehabilitate Science Hall, located at 550 North Park Street within the historic core of the UW Madison campus in the National Historic Landmark-designated Bascom Hill district. The project includes renovation of approximately 98,400 gross square feet (GSF) of existing space and construction of an approximate 14,710 GSF addition, to improve functionality, safety, and long-term viability. The scope of work includes a complete interior renovation, selective demolition, and required asbestos abatement, along with a small-scale double height clear view addition to accommodate new elevators, mechanical and electrical systems, and a universally accessible entrance. The project will modernize classrooms, teaching laboratories, academic support spaces, and building systems while restoring and preserving significant historic features and supporting continued use by academic and research programs.

The purpose of the project is to preserve and restore this highly recognizable National Historic Landmark while modernizing building systems, improving accessibility and life safety, reducing deferred maintenance, and creating flexible, state-of-the-art instructional and research spaces. The project is grounded in the Science Hall Building Advanced Planning Study (DFD Project No. 20E2A) and guided by the Historic Structure Report, which together establishes a framework for preservation and rehabilitation in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

The total project cost estimate is projected to be $163,200,000. The target construction period is anticipated to commence in March 2028 and reach substantial completion in April 2030.

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The EIA is anticipated to evaluate the following topics as they are known to date:

- Historic and cultural resources;
- Land use and planning consistency;
- Traffic, pedestrian circulation, and construction impacts;
- Utilities and infrastructure;
- Stormwater management;
- Trees and landscaping;
- Air quality and noise;
- Hazardous materials and asbestos;
- Climate resilience and sustainability,
- Socioeconomic impacts; and
- Alternative analyses - proposed action and reasonable alternatives, including the no-action alternative.

Impacts that are identified during this process will be incorporated into a draft EIA report which will be made available to the public for a minimum of 15 days as a review period and will be circulated to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. Comments and inquiries of the draft EIA document and a recommendation on the findings of the EIA will be developed for release by the UW System as either *the project does not significantly affect the quality of the human environment* or as a *Major and Significant Action* thereby requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

If you are interested in this project or have any information relevant to it, we welcome your comments, suggestions, or other input by December 1, 2026, to be considered in the draft EIA. Comments received after that date will be considered in preparation of the final EIA. The draft EIA is anticipated to be released in January 2027. Related information and comments form can be obtained via the project website at: https://uwsciencehallrenovationandadditioneia.com/ (link to project website). Send your comments to:

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If no comments are received from you or your agency, we will assume there are no project issues that negatively impact you. You will have additional opportunities to provide comments during the upcoming public comment period and public meeting. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please contact Austin Yeast at (608) 621-1316.

Sincerely,

CORNERSTONE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC – A TETRA TECH COMPANY

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Enclosures: Attachment A: Site Map
Attachment B: Comment Form

Attachment A – Site Map

University of Wisconsin – Madison Science Hall Renovation & Addition
Located on the University of Wisconsin – Madison campus at 550 N. Park Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706



Source: Google Earth

COMMENT FORM

Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Process
University of Wisconsin – Madison Science Hall Renovation & Addition
DFD Project # 25H4M

I have the following comments regarding this project and items to be considered as part of the scoping process:
[Please write comment(s) here. Attach additional pages if necessary.]

Please complete the following information and sign if submitting comments:

Name: _____

Title/Representing: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address (optional): _____

Signature: _____

☐ I am interested in continuing my involvement in the public participation components of this project. Please continue to send me project notices.

☐ I am NOT interested in continuing my involvement in the public participation of this project. Please do NOT continue to send me project notices.

Please return this form by **December 1, 2026**, to:

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