

Approved by the Executive Committee
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ROLL CALL

PURCHASES

The "Purchase Recommendations" are presented by the Urbana campus. The source of funding would be "Institutional Funds" received by the University under contracts with the United States Government; contracts with private corporations and other organizations, from foundation grants, and grants from corporations and other donors; and University revolving funds authorized by law.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Director of Purchases at Urbana has proposed and the Vice President for Administration recommends the following purchases.

The President of the University concurs.

PURCHASES RECOMMENDED

Urbana-Champaign Campus

1	Unit	Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences/Business and Industry Services (BIS) Unit
	Item	Consulting services for the development and implementation of an organizational realignment and strategic plan and establishment of a fiscal and program monitoring system for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Workforce Investment Act (WIA) activities as required by a grant from DCEO.
	Cost	\$400,000 (estimated)
	Vendor	Workforce Enterprise Services, Riverton, IL (\$200,000) Crowe Chizek and Company, Oak Brook, IL (\$100,000) Herbert D. Dennis, Springfield, IL (\$100,000)

This purchase is a sole source due to the transfer of DCEO grant funds from another higher education institution to the University of Illinois Extension Office. DCEO needs to continue the multi-year strategic planning and fiscal monitoring effort that is already underway in order to meet federal requirements and address recent fiscal monitoring findings.

All of the recommended vendors have had previous engagement with and participated in various aspects of ongoing initiatives based on prior year's funding of this project by DCEO. They have current in-depth knowledge of and experience with development of DCEO strategic plans, understanding of current fiscal systems and procedures, and modeling of the new fiscal system being implemented as well as the ability to expand these new organizational and fiscal concepts.

Workforce Enterprise Services conducted the base line analysis and developed the new vision, delineated related initiatives and reorganization plans, and provided support in the implementation of the new vision.

Crowe Chizek and Company conducted an analysis of the existing system, conducted fiscal monitoring with DCEO staff, and developed recommendations for a new fiscal monitoring system.

Herbert Dennis also worked on the analysis of the existing system and participated in development of the new fiscal monitoring system as it relates to new statewide special project grants as well as high risk sub-grants and contracts.

The services must be completed promptly to satisfy federal Workforce Investment Act requirements with which DCEO must comply. BIS does not have the lead-time for other vendors to develop this expertise and in-depth knowledge given the project timelines and the need to respond immediately to federal requirements and resolve potential fiscal monitoring problems and findings.

2 Unit Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences/Business and Industry Services (BIS) Unit

Item Information Technology training services including Convergence Technologies Professional certification program training and other related customized information technology system, networking, and telecommunications instruction.

Cost \$900,000 (estimated)

Vendor Current Technologies Computer Learning Center, Portage, IN

This purchase is a sole source due to the transfer of a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant from another higher education institution to the U of I Extension Office, Business and Industry Services (BIS) Unit. BIS facilitates an array of information technology training and certification courses to industry clients.

The recommended vendor is authorized and certified in teaching the convergence Technologies Professional Certification Program. They were previously engaged by and provided training based on prior year's funding of this project by DCEO. The vendor has customized key course components to permit common and systematic on site and off site training to multiple employees of a firm.

Retaining this certified vendor will ensure the continuity and expertise of the training to avoid a significant loss of revenue which funds this industry training program, and assist BIS with providing instruction in a cost effective manner.

Revenues generated by fees charged the clients and the DCEO grant will be used to pay for this professional service.

SUMMARY OF PURCHASES	
(Rounded to nearest dollar)	
Urbana-Champaign Campus	\$1,300,000
Recommended from Institutional Funds	
Grand Total	\$1,300,000
SUMMARY OF CHANGE ORDERS	
(Rounded to nearest dollar)	
Recommended from Institutional Funds	
Grand Total	\$0