

Approved by the Board of Trustees,
July 14, 2005

Board Meeting
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ROLL CALL

REVISE DOLLAR LIMITS ON CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRING SPECIFIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZATION

Action: Approve Revision of Dollar Limits on Contracts for Professional Services
Requiring Specific Board of Trustees Action

Funding: No Funding Required

The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedures,

Article II (Business Organization and Policies), Section 4 (Award and Execution of
University Contracts), subsection (f) provides that:

...contracts...involving payments by the University in one
fiscal year in excess of such dollar amounts as the Board of
Trustees may specify from time to time shall be specifically
authorized by the Board of Trustees....

At its meeting on June 1, 2000, the board established limits of \$250,000 or
more for contracts for professional services requiring payment by the University in one
fiscal year, and limits of \$500,000 or more for professional services related to capital
projects as the levels above which specific Board of Trustees action is required. The
rationale for establishing these limits was that they would permit the board to review a
substantial majority of the dollar amounts expended on professional services while
reducing the overall number of contracts included with each board agenda. The board

delegated authority to the comptroller to approve contracts for professional services below those limits.

The board now wishes to increase its review of individual contracts for professional services of any kind, including those for capital projects. The board therefore sets the limit of \$200,000 above which any professional services contract must receive specific board approval.

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 Vice President for Administration concurs with these changes.

The President of the University recommends approval.