

Board Meeting
July 30, 2007

ROLL CALL

APPROVE PROJECT FOR ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE LEARNING
RESOURCE AND RESEARCH CENTER, URBANA

Action: Approve Project for Illinois Fire Services Institute Learning Resource and Research Center, Urbana

Funding: Institutional Funds Operating Budget and Future Sale of Certificates of Participation

The proposed project consists of an approximately 24,000 gross square foot addition to the existing Illinois Fire Service Institute Classroom/Office Building. The addition will expand the existing Fire Service Institute Library and will include firefighter life safety and homeland security research labs to enhance the Institute's ability to conduct human subject and product research. The project also includes a National Incident Management System-compliant, full-scale, hands-on training facility for Emergency Operations Center and Unified Command Center training, a simultaneous translation classrooms/conference facility for multi-lingual presentations and major conference events, and a Firefighter Memorial Hall to serve as a learning resource center known for firefighter fatality situations. Additional classroom, seminar room, and computer labs will be included to increase the number of simultaneous training activities that can be conducted. Utility infrastructure upgrades will connect the Institute's facility to the campus fiber optic communications and electrical power distributions systems.

Accordingly, the Chancellor at Urbana with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends the Illinois Fire Services Institute Learning Resource and Research Center project be approved at \$9.0 million.

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.

Funds for these projects are available from the institutional funds operating budget of the Urbana campus and proceeds of a future sale of Certificates of Participation. Any project planning costs incurred prior to the sale of the Certificates will be funded initially from other University institutional operating funds with anticipated reimbursement from the subsequent proceeds of the Certificates of Participation sale.

The President of the University concurs.