

Board Meeting
June 5, 2006

ROLL CALL

EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR
TOWNHOUSES PHASE III, SPRINGFIELD

Action: Approve Employment of Architect/Engineer for the Townhouses Phase III, Springfield

Funding: Institutional Funds Operating Budget and Future Sale of Auxiliary Facilities Systems Revenue Bonds

In May 2006, the Board approved a multi-phased housing complex planned to accommodate 480 students. The Townhouses Phase III project is to consist of six buildings, each with four, four-bedroom units for a total of 96 bedrooms.

In order for the project to proceed, it is necessary to employ an architect/engineer for the required professional services. The selection of the architect/engineer for this project was in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Public Act 87-673 (Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act).¹

¹A selection committee consisting of David Barrows (Facilities and Services), Michael Doerr (Facilities and Services), John Ringle (Housing), and Chris Rogan (University Office for Facilities Planning and Programs) evaluated the following firms: BLDD Architects, Inc., Decatur, Illinois; fwai architects inc., Springfield, Illinois; and RADA Architects, Chicago, Illinois. The committee recommends the employment of the BLDD Architects, Inc., Decatur, Illinois, as best meeting the criteria.

Accordingly, the Chancellor at Springfield with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that BLDD Architects, Inc., Decatur, Illinois, be employed for the professional services required. The firm's fee through the warranty phase will be a fixed fee of \$192,600; on-site observation on an hourly basis, the total not to exceed \$32,000; and authorized reimbursable expenses estimated at \$27,000.

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 the contract are available from proceeds from the future sale of the Auxiliary Facilities Systems Revenue Bonds. Any project planning and construction costs incurred prior to the sale of the revenue bonds will be funded initially from institutional funds operating budget with anticipated reimbursement from the subsequent proceeds of Auxiliary Facilities Systems Revenue Bonds.

The President of the University concurs.