

Board Meeting
March 10, 2010

ROLL CALL

APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY,
SPRINGFIELD

Action: Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of
Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Springfield recommends approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, on behalf of the Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies at the Springfield campus, for a study on the impact of chain stores on Illinois communities. This agreement requires Board of Trustees approval under the terms of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/5).

A study will be conducted to assess how the economic and social landscapes of Illinois communities have been and are being reshaped by the entry and expansion of national and regional chain stores. The study will consist of two parts: 1) analysis of existing (secondary) data sources and 2) case studies. An analysis of existing (secondary) data sources will be carried out to quantify the impact of chain retail on employment and sales in all Illinois zip codes between 1989 and 2007 (the years for

which data are available). This analysis will then inform the selection of a limited number of local area case studies in which surveys will be used to obtain fine-grained information from key groups on their perceptions of and experiences with chain and locally owned retail. In other words, the secondary data analysis will provide evidence of the economic effects of chain retail, while the case studies will shed light on how local people view and behave toward the changing composition of the retail sector in Illinois. Both efforts are necessary to construct a sufficiently comprehensive picture of the State's retail economy as a potential focus of public policy.

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 President of the University concurs.