

Board Meeting  
March 26, 2008

## ROLL CALL

### EMPLOY COMMISSIONING ENGINEER FOR ADDITION TO THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, ROCKFORD, FOR THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve Employment of Commissioning Engineer for Addition to the College of Medicine, Rockford, for the National Center for Rural Health Professions, Chicago

**Funding:** Federal and State Appropriations, Gift Funds, and Institutional Funds Operating Budget

In November 2003, the University employed Larson and Darby, Inc., Rockford, for architectural/engineering services through the design development phase of this project. The source of funds was federal grants. In September 2004, the Board approved the specific site location and design for the addition. In May 2006, the Board approved the project budget of \$31.3 million (\$305.99 construction cost per gross square foot). The 58,000 gross square foot addition serves the program needs of the Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy and the School of Public Health by providing a multi-media 100-seat auditorium, administrative and student affairs office space, space for health systems research, a library, a computer lab, and an area for teaching clinical skills. Remodeling is focused on targeted upgrades to 22,000 gross square feet of academic and research space in the existing building. In July 2007, the Board approved the amendment of the professional services agreement with Larson and Darby, Inc., Rockford, for

professional services required through the warranty phase of this project. In accordance with the campus's sustainable design policy, one of the goals of this project is to achieve United States Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED silver certification.

In order for the project to achieve USGBC LEED silver certification, an independent commissioning engineer must be included as part of the design and construction team. The Commissioning Engineer, Austin AECOM Company, Chicago, has now been identified in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act (30 ILCS 535/1)<sup>1</sup> to provide related commissioning engineering services for the addition to the College of Medicine, Rockford, for the National Center for Rural Health Professions.

Accordingly, the Interim Chancellor at Chicago with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that Austin AECOM Company, Chicago, be employed to provide commissioning services for a fixed fee of \$151,650 and reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$16,000.

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.

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<sup>1</sup>A selection committee consisting of Bradley Appier (Office for Capital Programs), Christopher Berndt (Facilities Maintenance, Rockford), Boyd Black (Office for Capital Programs), and John Hiltcher (Office for Capital Program), interviewed the following firms (listed in ranking order): (1) Austin AECOM Company, Chicago and (2) Building Systems Engineering, Naperville. The committee recommends Austin AECOM Company, Chicago, as best meeting the criteria for the project.

Funds for this project are available from federal and State appropriations, gift, and institutional funds operating budget of the University.

The President of the University concurs.