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TRANSFER THE REGIONAL ECONOMICS APPLICATIONS LABORATORY
FROM THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, URBANA

Action: Transfer the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory from the Institute of Government and Public Affairs

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to transfer the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory from the Institute of Government and Public Affairs (IGPA) to the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

The Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL) is a grant-funded laboratory focusing on the development and use of analytical models for urban and regional economic development. The proposed transfer integrates a public service component into the range of economic impact and analytical modeling activities within the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics. Simultaneously, it allows IGPA to consolidate and focus on its core mission of public policy research and leadership training in service of the state. The transfer of REAL constitutes a good

programmatic fit within the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics and will allow the laboratory to continue to work on its grants, intergovernmental agency agreements, and contracts with minimal disruption.

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 Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.