

Board Meeting  
May 17, 2007

ROLL CALL

RECOMMEND EMPLOYMENT OF ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR CAPITAL  
DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROJECT, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Recommendation to the Capital Development Board to Employ Architect/Engineer for Capital Development Board Project--Integrated Bioprocessing Research Laboratory, Urbana

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

Given trends in biotechnology and in the world economy, this initiative for crop bioprocessing will position Illinois as a leader in systems research focused on crops, from the field to the consumer. The facility will enhance research on value-added products such as renewable industrial uses of crops, new human food, and improved crop quality. This project was submitted in response to a request from the Governor for Economic Development projects, and \$1.9 million has been released to the Capital Development Board for planning the project.

The recommendation for the selection of the architect/engineer for this project was in accordance with the requirements and provision of Public Act 87-763 (Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act).<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, the Chancellor at Urbana with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Board of Trustees request the Capital Development Board to employ Austin AECOM Company, Chicago, Illinois, for the professional services required for this project. The professional fees for the firm employed will be negotiated by the Capital Development Board in accordance with its procedures.

Funds for the employment of the professional firm have been appropriated to the Capital Development Board in FY 2006.

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.

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<sup>1</sup>A selection committee consisting of Hans Blaschek (College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences), Kevin Duff (Facilities and Services), Ralf Moller (College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences), James Spese (Facilities and Services), and Joseph Vitosky (University Office for Facilities Planning and Programs) evaluated the following firms (listed in ranking order): (1) Austin AECOM Company, Chicago, IL, (2) Harley Ellis Devereaux Corporation, Chicago, IL, (3) O'Donnell Wicklund Pigozzi and Peterson, Inc., Chicago, IL, and (4) Holabird & Root, LLC, Chicago, IL. The committee recommends Austin AECOM Company, Chicago, IL, as best meeting the criteria for the project.