

Approved by the Board of Trustees  
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## ROLL CALL

### EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR CONFERENCE CENTER, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Employment of Architect/Engineer for Conference Center, Urbana

**Funding:** Auxiliary Facilities System Funds, Institutional Funds of the Urbana Campus and Future Sale of Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds

In September 2005, the board approved the construction of the Conference Center to serve as an amenity to the University of Illinois Research Park and an asset to the colleges and departments of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (including the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics). Planned uses include academic conferences, seminars, and professional association meetings. The Conference Center will be located on the southeast corner of St. Mary's Road and First Street, just south of the Assembly Hall.

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).<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, the Chancellor at Urbana with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that RATIO Architects, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, be employed for the professional services required. The firm's fee for schematic design through construction, including on-site observation and reimbursables, is \$686,200.

Funds for the contract are available from Auxiliary Facilities System funds and institutional funds operating budget of the Urbana campus. Any project (planning) costs incurred prior to the sale of the revenue bonds will be funded initially from other Auxiliary Facilities System or institutional funds of the Urbana campus.

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 J. G. Dempsey, C. E. Wise, and N. Stanev (Facilities and Services) and J. W. Vitosky (University Office for Facilities Planning and Programs) interviewed the following firms (listed in ranking order): (1) RATIO Architects, Inc., Indianapolis, IN; (2) Lohan Anderson, Chicago; and (3) Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge, Inc., Chicago. The committee recommended RATIO Architects, Inc., Indianapolis, IN, as best meeting the criteria for the project.