

Approved by the Board of Trustees
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ROLL CALL

APPROVE PROJECT AND EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR ATKINS TENNIS CENTER AND EICHELBERGER FIELD EXPANSION, URBANA

Action: Approve Project and Employment of Architect/Engineer for Intercollegiate Athletics Atkins Tennis Center and Eichelberger Field Expansion, Urbana

Funding: Gift Funds and Institutional Funds Operating Budget

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, through efforts associated with this project, desires to upgrade its existing tennis facilities (Atkins Tennis Center) and softball facilities (Eichelberger Field) by providing improved and expanded accommodations for its student athletes, coaching staff, and patrons of tennis and softball. Both Atkins Tennis Center and Eichelberger Field are located immediately south of Kirby Avenue/Florida Avenue on the Urbana-Champaign campus, along an east-west axis primarily defined by Division of Intercollegiate Athletics facilities, in proximity to one another.

The expansion of the Atkins Tennis Center is anticipated to develop east of the existing facility. The program for expansion includes the creation of 12 additional outdoor, championship quality tennis courts (the program shall also address new associated lighting, perimeter fencing, scoreboards, and egress issues). A building addition will add two team locker rooms, a training room, administrative offices, a retail sales area, as well as necessary storage and mechanical space. A new parking lot and

vehicular approach, also part of this design and construction program, will allow for the creation of a new “front door” to the Atkins Tennis Center facility.

The expansion of Eichelberger Field includes the creation of a freestanding building adjacent to the existing field that, programmatically, will include public restrooms, a press box, a ticket sales window, and concessions accommodations. In addition, the program will support the introduction of an Illini home team locker room which shall include shower facilities, both team and coaches locker areas, and a dedicated sports medicine area. The proximity of Eichelberger Field to the Atkins Tennis Facility shall provide for an opportunity to share the planned parking lot and vehicular approach, thereby creating a “front door” for the softball program as well.

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).¹

Accordingly, the Chancellor at Urbana with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends the following actions:

1. The Atkins Tennis Center and Eichelberger Field Expansion project be approved with a project budget of \$5.4 million.

¹A selection committee consisting of Dana Brenner (Division of Intercollegiate Athletics), Clif Carey (Facilities and Services), Mark Inglert (University Office for Facilities Planning and Programs), Kent Reifsteck (Facilities and Services), and Ed Scopel (Facilities and Services) received qualification submittals from 11 firms. The firms considered are as follows: (1) Bailey Edward Design, Champaign/Chicago; (2) DLR Group, Chicago; and (3) JJR, Chicago. The committee recommends Bailey Edward Design, Champaign/Chicago, as the firm best meeting the criteria for the project.

2. Bailey Edward Design, Champaign/Chicago, be employed for the professional services required through the warranty phase at a fixed fee of \$354,735 plus reimbursable expenses estimated at \$50,000.

Funds for this project are available from gift funds and the institutional funds operating budget 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.