

Board Meeting
November 14, 2007

ROLL CALL

EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR HOUSING LIFE SAFETY CODE 2000
FIRE ALARM UPGRADE AND HIGH RISE SPRINKLER, PHASE VI, URBANA

Action: Approve Employment of Architect/Engineer for Housing Life Safety Code 2000 Fire Alarm Upgrade and High Rise Sprinkler, Phase VI, Urbana

Funding: Auxiliary Facilities System Repair and Replacement Reserve Budget

In July 2007, the Board approved Phase VI of the Housing Life Safety Code 2000 Fire Alarm Upgrade and High Rise Sprinkler program with a budget of \$2.0 million. Phase VI will provide for a fire suppression system and for renovation of the fire alarm system at Townsend Hall and Lounge building. Minor remodeling to include flooring replacement, painting, and other finishes will also be a part of this project.

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 that BRiC Partnership, LLC of Belleville, Illinois, be employed for the professional services required for the construction documents, bidding, and construction administration phases of the project. The firm's fixed fee will be \$128,000; for on-site observation on an hourly basis not to exceed \$38,000; for warranty phase on an hourly basis not to exceed \$5,000; and for authorized reimbursable expenses estimated at \$8,000.

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.

Funds for the project are available from the Auxiliary Facilities System Repair and Replacement Reserve Budget of the Urbana campus.

The President of the University concurs.

¹A selection committee consisting of Kevin Duff (University Office for Facilities Planning and Programs), Fred Hahn (Facilities and Services), John Humlicek (Housing Division), and Carrie West (Facilities and Services) evaluated the following firms (listed in ranking order): (1) BRiC Partnership, LLC, Belleville, IL; (2) Henneman Engineering, Inc., Champaign, IL; and (3) Gage-Babcock & Associates, Inc., Chicago, IL. The committee recommends BRiC Partnership, LLC, of Belleville, IL, as best meeting the criteria for the project.