

Board Meeting  
November 14, 2007

ROLL CALL

EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE  
LEARNING RESOURCE AND RESEARCH CENTER, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Employment of Architect/Engineer for Illinois Fire Services Institute Learning Resource and Research Center, Urbana

**Funding:** Institutional Funds Operating Budget and Future Sale of Certificates of Participation

In July 2007, the Board approved the Illinois Fire Services Institute Learning Resource and Research Center project with a budget of \$9.0 million (\$290.91 construction cost per gross square foot). The addition will provide for expansion of the existing Fire Services Institute's Library and will include labs for firefighter life safety and homeland security research. The project also includes a National Incident Management System-compliant, full-scale, hands-on training facility for an Emergency Operations Center and a Unified Command Center for training, a simultaneous translation classrooms/conference facility, and a Firefighter Memorial Hall. Additional classroom, seminar room, and computer labs will be included. Further, utility infrastructure upgrades will connect the Institute's facility to the campus fiber optic communications and electrical power distributions systems.

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 FGM Architects Planners Inc., Oak Brook, 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 \$523,357; for on-site observation on an hourly basis not to exceed \$40,800; for warranty phase on an hourly basis not to exceed \$15,500; and for authorized reimbursable expenses estimated at \$63,700.

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 institutional funds operating budget of the Urbana campus and proceeds of a future sale of Certificates of Participation. Any project planning costs incurred prior to the sale of the Certificates will

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<sup>1</sup>A selection committee consisting of Ted Christy (Facilities and Services), Kevin Duff (University Office for Facilities Planning and Programs), Fred Hahn (Facilities and Services), and Richard Jaehne (Illinois Fire Service Institute) interviewed the following firms (listed in ranking order): (1) FGM Architects Planners Inc., Oak Brook, IL; (2) Holabird & Root, LLC, Chicago, IL; and (3) A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc., Chicago, IL. The committee recommends FGM Architects Planners Inc., Oak Brook, IL, as best meeting the criteria for the project.

be funded initially from other University institutional operating funds with anticipated reimbursement from the subsequent proceeds of the Certificates of Participation sale.

The President of the University concurs.