

Board Meeting
November 8, 2012

ROLL CALL

APPROVE PROJECT FOR ADDITION TO THE ENGINEER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING RESEARCH LABORATORY, URBANA

Action: Approve Project for Addition to the Engineer Research and Development Center, Construction Engineering Research Laboratory

Funding: Institutional Funds Operating Budget with Anticipated Reimbursement from the Proceeds of a Subsequent Debt Issuance, and Federal Funds

The Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) has been an affiliated agency with the University of Illinois since 1967 when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers co-located CERL with the University. CERL was created by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to support a growing military construction (i.e. buildings) program in the Corps of Engineers. CERL has experienced considerable growth over the years. Much of the existing research laboratory space is currently occupied by office personnel due to a lack of space, which has significantly impacted their research operations.

The existing facilities at CERL contain approximately 160,000 square feet (sf) of building area which is leased from the University. Offices make up approximately 44,000 sf with about 3,660 sf in the AT&T building across the street from the main CERL campus. The proposed addition will provide approximately 20,000 sf of office space to the complex.

This addition will be constructed between the two main buildings on the CERL campus. The estimated total project cost of this new addition is \$7.0 million. The new office space will replace the AT&T space which is outside of CERL's fenced campus limits. The AT&T facility will no longer be available to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers due to security requirements. The new office space provided would allow one of the main buildings to transition back into primarily research laboratory space. The proposed facility would add approximately 12.5 percent of additional leased building space on the CERL campus.

Accordingly, the Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the addition to the CERL Engineer Research and Development Center be approved with a project budget of \$7.0 million.

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 this project are available from institutional funds operating budget of the Urbana Campus with anticipated reimbursement from the proceeds of a subsequent debt issuance, and Federal Funds.

The President of the University concurs.