

Board Meeting
September 8, 2005

ROLL CALL

EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR THE SANDI PORT ERRANT LANGUAGE
AND CULTURE CENTER AT GRANT HALL, CHICAGO

Action: Approve Employment of Architect/Engineer for the Sandi Port Errant Language and Culture Center at Grant Hall, Chicago

Funding: Gift Funds and Campus Institutional Funds Operating Budget

The University of Illinois at Chicago has proposed the employment of an architect/engineer for comprehensive remodeling of the Sandi Port Errant Language and Culture Center at Grant Hall. In addition to remodeling the interior spaces of the building, this \$4.5 million project will include complete replacement of the exterior walls, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. The renovated facility will present a more welcoming environment both within and outside the classroom; provide learning spaces that are flexible, functional, and attractive; offer places for students to study and relax; and feature year-round heating and cooling with maximum energy efficiency.

The selection of the architect/engineer for this project was in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act (30 ILCS 535/1)¹ to provide related professional services for design through warranty phases.

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.

Accordingly, the Chancellor at Chicago with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that Smith Group, Chicago, Illinois, be employed for this project. The firm's fixed fee for these services is \$265,000 plus reimbursables estimated at \$40,000.

Funds for the contract are available from gift funds and campus institutional funds operating budget.

The President of the University concurs.

¹ An interview committee consisting of Clarence Bridges (Associate Director, Facilities Management), Ron Giles (Associate Director, Capital Programs), John Hiltcher (Assistant Director, Capital Programs), Mark Inglert (Assistant Director, Facilities Planning and Programs), Lon Kaufman (Dean of the Honors College), Greg Quinn (Assistant Director, Capital Programs), Astrida Tantilillo (Associate Professor, Germanic Studies) interviewed the following firms: FGM Architects Engineers, Oak Brook; Gensler Architecture, Design & Planning P.C., Chicago; Ross Barney & Jankowski, Inc., Chicago; Smith Group, Chicago. The committee recommends the employment of the Smith Group, Chicago, as best meeting the criteria.