

Board Meeting  
September 8, 2005

ROLL CALL

EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY,  
URBANA

**Action:** Approve Employment of Architect/Engineer for Natural History Survey, Urbana

**Funding:** State and Institutional Funds

In November 2004, the board approved the construction of the Natural History Survey that will provide offices, laboratories, and specialized facilities. The project will expand the existing Natural Resources Study Annex, located immediately adjacent to the Research Park at the northwest corner of Hazelwood Drive and Oak Street.

In May 2005, the board approved the employment of CUH2A, Chicago, Illinois, for the professional services required. Negotiations were terminated due to the inability to negotiate a satisfactory contract, due to considerable changes in the contractor's staff when compared to those represented in their qualifications submittal dated January 31, 2003.

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>

As negotiations with the top-ranked firm (CUH2A) were not successful, the next ranked firm (Cannon) was selected for negotiation.

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 Urbana with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that Cannon Design, Chicago, Illinois, be employed for the professional services required. The firm's fees for schematic design through warranty, including on-site observation and reimbursables, is a fixed fee of \$918,990.

Funds for the contract are available from state and institutional funds.

The President of the University concurs.

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<sup>1</sup>A selection committee consisting of Susan Alexander (Facilities & Services), William Beard (Facilities & Services), Clif Carey (Facilities & Services), Dan Dobell (Research Park and Incubator), April Getchius (Facilities & Services), Roland Kehe (Facilities & Services), John Parks (Research Park and Incubator), Sean Reeder (Fox Companies), and William Ruesink (Illinois Natural History Survey) interviewed the following firms (listed in ranking order): (1) CUH2A, Chicago; (2) Cannon Design, Chicago; (3) ho+k, Chicago; and (4) Smith Group, Chicago. The committee recommended CUH2A, Chicago, as best meeting the criteria for the project.