

Board Meeting
January 18, 2007

ROLL CALL

AWARD CONTRACT FOR SYNTHETIC TURF INSTALLATION, LES MILLER
BASEBALL FIELD, CHICAGO

Action: Approve Award of Contract for Synthetic Turf Installation, Les Miller
Baseball Field, Chicago

Funding: Institutional Funds Operating Budget

In August 2006, a \$1,510,000 project was approved for installation of synthetic turf on the Les Miller Baseball Field. The new synthetic turf will give the Varsity Baseball Team the opportunity to practice in the early spring without concern about unfavorable field conditions due to inclement weather. The new synthetic turf will have a subsurface drainage system which will eliminate standing water and enhance drying speed of the surface. It is expected that the new turf will reduce current maintenance costs by approximately 90 percent.

The Chancellor at Chicago with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that this general/landscaping contract be awarded. Competitive bidding procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code were

followed; and the award is to the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of its base bid plus the acceptance of indicated alternates.¹

Division I--General/Landscaping Work

Cooling Landscape Contractors, LLC, ²	Base Bid	\$ 848,900
Cherry Valley, IL	Alternate 2	<u>500,300</u>
TOTAL		\$1,349,200

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 the institutional funds operating budget of the Chicago campus.

The President of the University concurs.

A schedule of the bid received has been filed with the Secretary of the Board for record.

(Construction is to begin in May 2007 and is scheduled to be completed in August 2007.)

¹Description of Alternates: Alternate 2 provides and installs synthetic turf manufactured by Field Turf International, Inc.

²Cooling Landscape Contractors, LLC, was the second lowest bidder. The lowest bidder, Hellas Construction, was non-responsive and disqualified because the bidder did not provide prices for the three listed alternates as required by the bid documents, and the bidder proposed a synthetic turf product that had not been pre-approved as a substitute as required by the bid documents.