

Board Meeting  
January 21, 2021

ROLL CALL

EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, DISCOVERY  
PARTNERS INSTITUTE, CHICAGO  
(Capital Development Board Project)

**Action:** Approve Recommendation to the Capital Development Board to Employ Architect/Engineer for the Discovery Partners Institute

**Funding:** Institutional Funds and State Capital Appropriations

In July 2019, the Board approved a resolution in support of the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI). DPI serves as a collaborative, interdisciplinary research and education institute that fosters public-private partnerships with industry, governmental, nongovernmental, and community-based agencies. The Institute also partners with universities in the state of Illinois and throughout the world. Through these partnerships, faculty and students from all three universities in the University of Illinois system and partner universities will participate in research and education that develops new technologies, seeds opportunities for entrepreneurship, and drives solutions to address societal grand challenges. DPI will conduct purpose-driven research and drive economic development and innovation with societal benefit in mind.

The State of Illinois has shown its support of this initiative through a \$500.0 million appropriation to the Illinois Innovation Network (IIN), of which DPI is a

part. Approximately \$235.0 million of this appropriation has been earmarked to fund the construction of a new facility near Chicago's South Loop. The facility has an anticipated project budget of \$250.0 million.

In May 2020, the Capital Development Board commenced a Professional Services Consultant selection process. 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 the Public Act 87-673 (Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act).<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, the Comptroller, University of Illinois with concurrence of the appropriate university officers recommends that the Board of Trustees request the Capital Development Board to employ Jacobs Consulting, Inc., with OMA\*AMO Architecture for the professional services required for this project. The professional fees for the firm employed will be negotiated by the Capital Development Board in accordance with its procedures.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, the 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 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and State of Illinois capital appropriations.

The President of the University concurs.

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<sup>1</sup> A selection committee consisting of Brent Lance (Capital Development Board), Ray Boosinger (Capital Development Board), Ron Wright (Capital Development Board), Jesse Martinez (Capital Development Board), Paul Kmett (Capital Development Board), Chris Rogan (University Office of Capital Programs and Real Estate Services), Sandra Yoo (University Office of Capital Programs and Real Estate Services), Sharla Roberts (University Office of Procurement Diversity), Brian Bundren (Office of the Provost/Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs, UIUC), David Taeyaerts (Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, UIC), Michael Flavin (Discovery Partners Institute), and Curt Bailey (Related Midwest) evaluated and interviewed the following firms: Jacobs Consulting, Inc., with OMA\*AMO Architecture, P.C., Chicago, IL; Fosters + Partners with Epstein, New York, NY; and Studio Gang Architects, Ltd., Chicago, IL. The selection committee recommends Jacobs Consulting, Inc., with OMA\*AMO Architecture, P.C., Chicago, IL, as best meeting the criteria for the project and the needs of the University.