Approved by the Board of Trustees

January 23, 2025

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Board Meeting

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ROLL CALL

PURCHASE RECOMMENDATIONS

Following are purchase recommendations proposed by each university and the System Office. The purchases are to be funded from State appropriations or institutional funds as appropriate. Unless otherwise specified or indicated, purchases are based on the lowest acceptable bid. The vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller has approved all purchases to be funded from State appropriations in accordance with the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees* and *The* *General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure.*

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.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

## PURCHASES RECOMMENDED

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| |  | | --- | | **University of Illinois Chicago** | | | |
| 1 | Unit | UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Item | Purchase of Implants and Accessories for Pain Management Through Neuromodulation Therapies |
|  | Cost | $8,000,000 (estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Medtronic USA, Inc. Minneapolis, Minnesota |
|  |  | This purchase is exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30ILCS 500/1-13).  Medtronic implantable neural stimulation and pump systems are used in patients to aid in the management of chronic intractable pain of the trunk and limbs. They are also used to control Parkinson’s tremors and bladder/bowel control.  UIH has been utilizing Medtronic devices for more than 25 years. These implants have the longest and largest population of implanted patients in the industry  **Business Enterprise Program (BEP)** goals are not established for contracts which are exempt from the requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code. |
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| 2 | Unit | Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research |
|  | Item | Temporary staffing specializing in academic research administration and organizational evaluations for Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (OVCR) |
|  | Cost | $8,954,400 (estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Attain Consulting Group, LLC McLean, Virgina |
|  |  | OVCR is currently utilizing Attain under a previous procurement. Purchase of experienced temporary staffing specializing in academic research administration and organizational evaluations for seven teams within OVCR: Pre-Award, Post-Award, Office of Research Development Grants Management Office Support, the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects, Government Costing, Facilities & Administration Costs and Tuition Remission Rate Review. The awarded vendor will work hand in hand with OVCR staff members to provide essential research and compliance-focused support and resources to internal and external customers. UIC’s funding for research depends on successful, timely, and compliant grant submissions.  Attain’s team of research administration experts brings decades of experience in the field, including direct involvement in higher education and a proven track record of supporting the nation’s leading colleges and universities. Their expertise ensures the necessary support for business continuity in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and other university departments involved in grant submission and management. This includes specialized knowledge in biomedical research administration and the management of funds from federal biomedical research sponsors, a critical requirement for UIC.  This procurement is essential to supplement internal resources, addressing staffing shortages that could impact UIC’s ability to manage multiple large grant submissions. Without this support, the university risks losing significant potential funding for research, which would result in substantial revenue losses.  Competitive solicitation procedures were followed in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/20-15)  A 4% **Business Enterprise Program (BEP) goal was established** for this solicitation. Attain Consulting Group, LLC will partner with Axon Advisors, LLC to meet the 4% goal. Axon Advisors, LLC is a certified woman-owned business. |
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| 3 | Unit | UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Item | Purchase of Implants and Accessories Used in Complex Surgical Cases |
|  | Cost | $12,000,000 (estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Biomet Microfixation Jacksonville, Florida |
|  |  | This purchase is exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30ILCS 500/1-13).  UI Hospital began using implants and accessories from Biomet Microfixation in 2007. These thoracic, mandibular and craniomaxillofacial products are preferred by UIH surgeons in thoracic, plastic, neurosurgical, and reconstructive surgical cases. Biomet implants are used in about 80% of these types of surgical cases. The implants are used in conjunction with proprietary software for planning and guiding the complex procedures. Annual usage has increased significantly since the introduction of these products due to strong surgical volumes and surgeon preference.  **Business Enterprise Program (BEP) goals are not established** for contracts which are exempt from the requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code. |
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| 4 | Unit | UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Item | Purchase of Radiopharmaceuticals for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer and Gastroenteropancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors at UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Cost | $31,500,000 (estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Novartis Pharmaceuticals East Hanover, New Jersey |
|  |  | This purchase is exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30ILCS 500/1-13).  Pluvicto and Lutetium are FDA-approved radiopharmaceuticals used to treat prostate cancer and neuroendocrine tumors at UI Health. Since introducing these treatments in 2024, demand has grown significantly and is expected to grow further in coming years. These radiopharmaceuticals are exclusively available through Novartis Pharmaceuticals.  **Business Enterprise Program (BEP) goals are not established** for contracts which are exempt from the requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code. |
| |  | | --- | | **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** | | | |
| 5 | Unit | Mechanical Science & Engineering |
|  | Item | Tenant Improvements for a Large Metal Additive Manufacturing Research Center. |
|  | Cost | $1,618,908 |
|  | Vendor | Fox Development Corp. Champaign, IL |
|  |  | This purchase is exempt from the usual selection processes of the Procurement Code because the procurement expenditure is for performing sponsored research and other sponsored activities under grants and contracts funded by the sponsor or by sources other than State appropriations (30 ILCS 500/1-13(b)(8)).  Due to limited space on campus, additional lab space was leased to enable specialized space for a Large Metal Additive Manufacturing Research Center (LMAM). The LMAM also has a large grant in progress with the Department of Defense based on the buildout of the center being completed by June 2025. LMAM will be heavily utilized by students in the college to make progress towards their degree completion.  A notice will be published in the Illinois Procurement Bulletin for Public Institutions of Higher Education within 14 days of the execution of this contract after receipt of Board of Trustees approval for this purchase.    **Business Enterprise Program (BEP) goal are not established** for contracts that are exempt from the requirements of the IL Procurement Code. |
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|  |  | **RENEWAL OPTIONS RECOMMENDED** |
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| 6 | Unit | Division of Intercollegiate Athletics |
|  | Item | Renewal option to provide Golf Course, Restaurant, and Pro Shop Management at Atkins Golf Club as requested for the period March 15, 2025, through March 14, 2028. |
|  | Cost | $6,000,000 (Estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Troon Golf, LLC Chicago, IL |
|  |  | This will exercise the first of two renewal options through March 15, 2028. The purchase is a Concession per 30 ILCS 500/53-25 of the procurement code. Solicitation procedures were followed and notice of the award has been published and reduced to writing on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin.  In 2020 the Atkins family donated over 300 acres of real estate to the University of Illinois and the University of Illinois Foundation. Included in the gift was Stone Creek Golf Club, and its associated buildings and equipment, which has now become Atkins Golf Club at the University of Illinois. Atkins Golf Club is the home of the Illini Men’s and Women’s golf teams.  Troon Golf provides management of the golf course, grounds, restaurant, and management of the pro shop operations for the Atkins Golf Club. The golf facility is comprised of almost 200 acres, pro shop with roughly 3,500 square feet, and a restaurant, with catering space, offices and recruiting lounge.  **Business Enterprise Program (BEP) goals** **are not established** for contracts that are exempt from the requirements of the IL Procurement Code. |

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|  |  | **CHANGE ORDER RECOMMENDED** |

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| **University of Illinois at System Office** |

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| 7 | Unit | The Office of the President of the University |
|  | Item | Change order to increase the amount of the contract to provide hotel rooms, meeting space rental, audio/visual services, electrical, and other related conference expenses for the Sustainability Research Innovation (SRI) Congress |
|  | Cost | $1,950,009.00 (Estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Cityfront Hotel Associates LP/Sheraton Grand Chicago, IL |
|  |  | This purchase is exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code and competitive selection pursuant to article 1-13 b)2) of the Code.  The University was selected as the host-partner for the 2025 Sustainability Research Innovation (SRI) Congress to be held in Chicago, June 15, 2025, through June 20, 2025. In support of the SRI Congress, the University executed a three-party contract in collaboration with the SRI Congress’ partner, Future Earth, and the hotel/meeting space provider, Cityfront Hotel Associates LP/Sheraton Grand Chicago (“Sheraton”) in February of 2024. At the time of execution of the Sheraton contract, it was anticipated that University’s obligation for its share of the contract would be limited to $97,500.00.  This contract is for the Sheraton Grand Chicago to serve as the hotel and meeting space for the SRI Congress. The initial contract included over 3,700 hotel room nights, and multiple meeting rooms. The initial contract also contained provisions for food and beverage/catering purchases and additional support services (e.g. electrical, audio/visual, shipping/receiving, exhibit hall operations); however, these costs were not anticipated to be University’s responsibility at the time of execution.  This change order is seeking Board approval to increase the University’s responsibility under the contract for an additional $1,950,000 for an estimated total of $2,047,509. This change is required due to the University now serving as the sole fiscal agent for the 2025 SRI Congress which was not anticipated at the time of execution of the original contract. In order to streamline the contractual relationship with fiscal partners, the role of the fiscal agent was recommended and was reviewed by the SRI Executive Committee which includes representation by System Office Leadership. This increase will cover hotel room nights for dignitaries and presenters, meeting spaces and associated audio-visual support, food and beverage/catering, and additional support services billed through Sheraton and associated companies.  It is anticipated that costs for this increase will be paid for through grants, sponsorships, and registration fees paid by attendees.  **Business Enterprise Program (BEP) goals are not established** for contracts that are exempt from the requirements of the IL Procurement Code. |
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| **SUMMARY OF PURCHASES** | |
| University of Illinois Chicago | $60,454,400 |
| University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | $ 1,618,908 |
| Recommended from Institutional Funds  Grand Total | $62,073,308 |
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| **SUMMARY OF RENEWALS** | |
| University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | $ 6,000,000 |
| Recommended from Institutional Funds  Grand Total | $ 6,000,000 |
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| **SUMMARY OF CHANGE ORDERS** | |
| University of Illinois System Office | $ 1,950,009 |
| Recommended from Institutional Funds  Grand Total | $ 1,950,009 |