Approved by the Board of Trustees

March 20, 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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| 1 | Unit | Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA) |
|  | Item | An agreement to provide services to DIA in connection with the activation and fulfillment of student-athlete name, image and likeness agreements. |
|  | Cost | Estimated $4,250,000 |
|  | Vendor | ICON Collective, Inc. Champaign, IL |
|  |  | ICON Collective, Inc. was formed with a mission of “offer[ing] meaningful NIL partnerships to Fighting Illini student-athletes for their participation in community service initiatives in the local Champaign-Urbana community and beyond.” ICON Collective, Inc. has demonstrated commendable performance in providing those services to Fighting Illini student-athletes, contributing in part to the recent success of Fighting Illini athletics teams and individual student-athletes.  If and to the extent that the University is permitted to enter into, or offer to enter into, a publicity rights agreement with a prospective or current student-athlete, then DIA will engage ICON Collective, Inc. to provide similar marketing services to and on behalf of DIA in connection with the community-based activation and fulfillment of such publicity rights agreement(s).  This agreement will be for an initial term of up to twenty-seven (27) months, expiring June 30, 2027. This purchase is exempt from the usual selection process of the procurement code because the procurement expenditure is for events or activities paid for exclusively by revenues generated by the event or activity, gifts, or donations for the event or activity, private grants, or any combination thereof, per 30 ILCS 500 / 1-13(b)(2).  **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 | UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Item | Purchase of Specialty Pharmaceutical Livtencity for UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Cost | $5,000,000 (estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Cardinal Health Inc. Dublin, Ohio |
|  |  | Livtencity is a medication used to treat adult and pediatric patients with post-transplant cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection/disease that does not respond to treatment with other pharmaceuticals. CMV is a major cause of morbidity and mortality in solid organ transplant recipients.  The manufacturer of Livtencity, Takeda, has licensed exclusive distribution rights to Cardinal Health. These products can only be obtained through Cardinal.  This purchase is exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30ILCS 500/1-13(b-5)).  **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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| 3 | Unit | UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Item | Purchase of Implants and Accessories for Intraocular Lens Insertion Through Ophthalmic Microsurgery for UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Cost | $7,500,000 (estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Alcon Laboratories, Inc. Fort Worth, Texas |
|  |  | UI Health has been using Alcon lenses and insertion equipment for more than 13 years. In FY2024, over 1,300 cataract surgical cases used Alcon interocular lenses. The lenses are inserted in a one-step process which results in greater patient tolerance, ease of insertion and reduced procedure time. These surgical cases are done on an outpatient basis, primarily in the Hospital’s Specialty Care Building.  This purchase is exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30ILCS 500/1-13(b-5)).  **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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|  |  | **RENEWAL OPTIONS RECOMMENDED** |
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| 4 | Unit | Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA) |
|  | Item | Renewal option for internal Travel Agency, for the period August 11, 2025, through August 10, 2030. |
|  | Cost | $51,257,189 (Estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Anthony Travel, LLC. Dallas, TX |
|  |  | This will exercise all five renewal options. The Board of Trustees approved change orders on May 20, 2021, for an estimated $26,000,000, and July 10, 2024, for an estimated $11,000,000 more for the remaining term of the contract. Competitive bidding procedures were followed in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code.  Anthony Travel, LLC will provide comprehensive travel agency services as well as a dedicated full-time in-house representative(s) located on site at DIA. Anthony Travel, LLC provides a complete travel management program, including a dedicated service representative, high level customer service, online reservation capabilities and cost savings related to travel expenses. Previously, these services were performed by internal staff and use of the University’s system online booking tool. Anthony Travel will not be responsible for any local travel, commercial air, or NCAA travel when directed by the NCAA.  The vendor has demonstrated satisfactory performance in fulfilling the terms and conditions of their contract. After negotiations with the vendor, pricing, for the remaining 5 years, will only increase by 2%. |
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| 5 | Unit | Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) |
|  | Item | Renewal of an Annual License of Full-Text Journal Article databases Academic Search Complete Business Source Premier. Services will be for a two (2) year period beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027; renewal 5 and 6 of 8 available. There are two (2), one (1) year renewal options remaining. |
|  | Cost | Renewal 5 & 6 of 8 $3,498,410 Estimated; Term 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2027  Renewals Remaining: 2 one-year renewal options –$3.5M estimated |
|  | Vendor | EBSCO Information Services, LLC Birmingham, AL |
|  |  | Exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/1-13).  EBSCO Information Services, LLC has been contracted to provide access to CARLI members for the following products: - Academic Search Complete - Business Source Premier - Consumer Health Complete - Humanities Source Ultimate - Medline Ultimate – Military & Government Collection – Time Magazine Archive – Child Development & Adolescent Studies – Family & Society Studies Worldwide – Family Studies Abstracts – Left Index – Novelist Plus – Urban Studies Abstracts – Violence & Abuse Abstracts – Women’s Studies International  This subscription is being paid through funds appropriated by the State  **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 Urbana-Champaign** |

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| 6 | Unit | Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA) |
|  | Item | Big 10 Conference Officiating Fees |
|  | Cost | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Contract Term** | **Original Amount**  **(est.)** | **Change Order**  **(est.)** | **New Total**  **(est.)** | | 7/1/23 – 6/30/28 | $4,950,000 | $440,000 | $5,390,000 | |
|  | Vendor | Big 10 Conference Rosemont, IL |
|  |  | This purchase is exempt from the usual selection process of the procurement code because the procurement expenditure is for events or activities paid for exclusively by revenues generated by the event or activity, gifts, or donations for the event or activity, private grants, or any combination thereof, per 30 ILCS 500 / 1-13(b)(2).  On June 6, 2018, an announcement of an Exempt Purchase was posted to provide compensation to officials at Big 10 Conference events. The Big 10 Conference provides officials for athletic events throughout the year. The fees associated with this purchase are to pay for those officials at the events. DIA is currently in the second year of the original 5-year term with the Big 10 Conference. It is estimated an additional $440,000 is needed for the remainder of the contract term, bringing the grand total to $5,390,000.  **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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| **SUMMARY OF PURCHASES** | |
| University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | $ 4,250,000 |
| University of Illinois Chicago | $ 12,500,000 |
| Recommended from Institutional Funds  Grand Total | $ 16,750,000 |
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| **SUMMARY OF RENEWALS** | |
| University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | $ 51,257,189 |
| University of Illinois System Office | $ 3,498,410 |
| Recommended from Institutional Funds  Grand Total | $ 54,755,599 |
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| **SUMMARY OF CHANGE ORDERS** | |
| University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | $ 440,000 |
| Recommended from Institutional Funds  Grand Total | $ 440,000 |