Approved by the Board of Trustees

March 30, 2023

**19**

Board Meeting

March 30, 2023

ROLL CALL

# APPROVE DESIGN FOR DISCOVERY PARTNERS INSTITUTE

# (Capital Development Board Project)

**Action:** Approve Design for Discovery Partners Institute

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

Philanthropic Support

In July 2019, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution in support of the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI). DPI is a collaborative, interdisciplinary research, and education institute that fosters public-private partnerships with industry, governmental, nongovernmental, and community-based agencies. The State of Illinois has supported this initiative by appropriating $500.0 million 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. In January 2021, the Board approved the Capital Development Board’s selection of Jacobs Consulting, Inc., with OMA\*AMO Architecture to provide architectural services for the project.

In January 2023, the Board approved an additional $35.0 million in institutional funding for the project. The University, Capital Development Board, and Jacobs/OMA have engaged the stakeholders; developed program information; completed the programming, conceptualization, and schematic design efforts; and developed a consensus for implementing near-term and long-range goals for this capital endeavor.

The $285.0 million, 233,000 gross square feet facility will be located at 1501 S. Wells, Chicago, which is at the southeast corner of South Wells and 15th Streets in The 78. It will house program space for DPI’s diverse programs and users. Additionally, it will enable DPI to continue growing learning and research opportunities with various teaming, collaboration, and meeting spaces, lecture spaces, and computational lab spaces. This project is being designed to achieve LEED Gold certification.

For the project to proceed, it is necessary to approve the proposed design. The design meets all applicable building standards, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, accessibility, and applicable State and federal standards, and is within the approved budget.

Accordingly, the Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the design be approved.

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 University of Illinois, State capital appropriations, and expected philanthropic support.

The President of the University of Illinois System concurs.