

Board Meeting
May 20, 2010

ROLL CALL

AUTHORIZE USE OF GROUP PURCHASING CONTRACTS

Action: Authorize Comptroller to Execute Group Purchasing Contracts

Funding: No New Funding Required

The University of Illinois belongs to a number of professional affiliations related to fulfilling its mission. A number of such professional affiliations have formed purchasing consortiums or buying cooperatives as a service to its members. These consortiums or buying cooperatives seek to leverage the collective purchasing power of their members in order to negotiate contracts for goods and services with competitive pricing and terms available to all of its members.

It is the desire of the Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller to access the economic benefits of consortium contracts competitively bid and awarded in accordance with State Statute (3-ILCS 500/1-5) which states “it is the purpose of this Code and is declared to be the policy of the State that the principles of competitive bidding and economical procurement practices shall be applicable to all purchases and contracts by or for any State Agency” and the Procurement Rules of the Chief Procurement Officer for Public Institutions of Higher Education.

Contracts with the following professional affiliations have been previously approved by the Board of Trustees or authorized by State Statute:

- University Hospital Consortium (UHC) and Novation
- Illinois Purchasing Higher Education Consortium (IPHEC)
- Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)
- Midwest Higher Education Consortium (MHEC)

The following professional affiliations may offer future opportunities:

- National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP)
- Educational and Institutional Cooperative Purchasing (E&I)
- National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP)
- U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance
- Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC)

The President of the University recommends that where group purchasing contracts are deemed to offer economic benefit to the University, the Comptroller of the Board be authorized to execute group purchasing agreements to allow the University of Illinois to participate within competitively negotiated contracts for goods and services that are in compliance with State Statute (30ILCS 500/1-5) and the Procurement Rules of the Chief Procurement Officer for Public Institutions of Higher Education. The Comptroller shall prepare and present to the Board a summary of all contracts with which the institution has participated at the end of each fiscal year which shall include an economic benefit summary of such contracts.

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 Organizations and Procedures*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.