

Board Meeting  
May 22, 2008

ROLL CALL

EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER  
ENGINEERING BUILDING, URBANA  
(Capital Development Board Project)

**Action:** Approve Recommendation to the Capital Development Board to Employ Architect/Engineer for the Electrical and Computer Engineering Building, Urbana

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds and Gift/Endowment Funds

In September 2007, the Board approved the Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2009. Included within this budget was the new Electrical and Computer Engineering Building with a budget of \$75.0 million. This new 150,000 gross square foot LEED Silver-certified facility for the internationally acclaimed Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) will provide integrated teaching and research. The new four-story facility with basement will house a major portion of the ECE department and will consolidate programs and curricula from several other buildings on the north campus. The building will occupy a site directly south of the Beckman Institute and will complete the enclosure of the Oval Allee of the North Engineering Campus. The Capital Development Board has released \$3.0 million for the planning and design of the facility.



In order 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 Public Act 87-673 (Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act).<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, the Chancellor at Urbana with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Board of Trustees request the Capital Development Board to employ BLDD Architects Inc., Champaign, with Antoine Predock Architect, PC, 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.

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<sup>1</sup>A selection committee consisting of Kevin Duff (University Office for Facilities Planning and Programs), Randy Ervin (College of Engineering, UIUC), Kirk Fernandes (Illinois Capital Development Board), Fred Hahn (Facilities and Services, UIUC), and James Lev (Facilities and Services, UIUC) interviewed the following firms (listed in ranking order): (1) BLDD Architects/Antoine Predock, Champaign, IL; (2) SmithGroup, Chicago, IL; and (3) BSA Life Structures, Chicago, IL. The committee recommends BLDD Architects/Antoine Predock PC, Champaign, IL, as best meeting the criteria for the project.

Funds for the project are available from State Appropriated Funds and Gift/Endowment Funds.

The President of the University concurs.