Approved by the Board of Trustees

May 22, 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 | Materials Research Laboratory |
|  | Item | Cryostat Components for Low-Temperature Scanning Nitrogen Vacancy Microscope (LTNVM). |
|  | Cost | $1,150,000 (estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Attocube Systems AG, Haar Bavaria, Germany |
|  |  | The Low-Temperature Nitrogen Vacancy Microscope (LTNVM) is a cutting-edge instrument that integrates high-resolution magnetic field imaging using nitrogen vacancy (NV) centers in diamond. This advanced platform will enable the Materials Research Laboratory (MRL) to conduct magnetic imaging at nanometer-scale spatial resolution.  The LTNVM’s state-of-the-art capabilities will drive transformative research across a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines. Potential applications include the characterization of novel quantum electronic circuits, in-depth investigations of quantum materials, and the exploration of molecular and biological systems with unprecedented sensitivity and precision.  Beyond its research impact, the LTNVM supports imaging across a wide range of temperatures and magnetic field strengths. This versatility not only expands its scientific utility but also provides exceptional opportunities for training the next generation of scientists and engineers in quantum sensing and coherent quantum phenomena. This purchase is a sole source because the items are patented, required for research, and no other source can meet the researcher’s documented need.  **Business Enterprise Program (BEP)** goals are not established as there are no other sources able to meet the need. |
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| 2 | Unit | Utilities Administration |
|  | Item | Furnish and deliver coal, including by-product waste disposal servicesfor the period July 1, 2025 through June 20, 2030 with one five-year renewal option. |
|  | Cost | $50,000,000 (estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Knight Hawk Coal, LLC Percy, IL |
|  |  | Competitive bidding procedures were followed in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code.  The vendor will supply an estimated 80,000 tons of coal to the Abbott Power Plant, where it will serve as a fuel source for the University’s boilers. The coal will be combusted to generate steam, which is used to heat campus buildings. In addition to fuel supply, the vendor will manage the disposal of approximately 20,000 tons of waste by-products, including ash, cinders, gypsum, and other residues from the coal-burning process.  Coal serves as either a supplementary or primary fuel source, depending on market fuel prices and equipment availability. The quoted pricing for coal includes transportation costs, which are indexed to the prevailing diesel fuel prices as published by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.  **Business Enterprise Program (BEP)** goals are not established as the vendor asked for a waiver since it was not cost effective. There was a 2% goal on this solicitation. |
| 3 | Unit | Division of Intercollegiate Athletics |
|  | Item | High Density WiFi System for Memorial Stadium |
|  | Cost | $10,000,000 (estimated) |
|  | Vendor | MSB Consulting Engineers Metairie, LA |
|  |  | 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).  The purchase is to upgrade Memorial Stadium with the installation of a high-density Wi-Fi system. This project aims to enhance the digital experience for all attendees by providing reliable and fast internet connectivity throughout the venue including the tailgating area in Grange Grove. The system will be designed to handle the high traffic demands during events, ensuring that fans can stay connected, share their experiences on social media, and access real-time information seamlessly. Additionally, the high-density Wi-Fi system will support the stadium's operations, including ticketing, concessions, and security, ensuring a smooth and efficient event management process.  The implementation of this high-density Wi-Fi system will involve a complete turnkey installation, including the manufacture, installation, supply, delivery, labor, testing, and documentation of all necessary equipment and materials. The system will be fully integrated and operational, providing a complete, workable solution that meets all required performance specifications as well as campus technology standards.  **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 Specialty Pharmaceutical Lamzede for UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Cost | $1,650,000 (estimated) for a thirteen-month period June 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 |
|  | Vendor | Eversana Life Science Services LLC Chesterfield, Missouri |
|  |  | Lamzede is an enzyme replacement therapy indicated for the treatment of Alpha-Mannosidosis, an ultra-rare genetic disorder that impairs the body’s ability to break down specific complex sugars. Weekly Lamzede infusions help reduce the accumulation of these sugar molecules within cells, thereby improving cellular function and enhancing patients’ quality of life.  The manufacturer has granted exclusive U.S. distribution rights for Lamzede to Eversana Life Science Services LLC. As a result, Lamzede is available solely through Eversana Life Sciences.  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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| 5 | Unit | UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Item | Purchase of an Enterprise Imaging Platform for UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Cost | $8,740,000 (estimated) for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2025 with one optional five-year renewal period (total 10 years).  Total cost (estimated) including renewal periods is $15,858,000 |
|  | Vendor | AGFA Healthcare Corporation Carlstadt, NJ |
|  |  | Enterprise Imaging (EI) represents a modern, integrated approach to diagnostic imaging in healthcare. Unlike traditional Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (PACS), EI leverages a contemporary cloud-based platform to consolidate and manage all clinical imaging across the health system. It provides a longitudinal image record that is fully embedded within the Electronic Health Record (EHR), enabling seamless access to imaging data across clinical disciplines.  For over 20 years, UI Hospital has relied on its existing PACS to support radiology imaging. In addition, separate systems are currently used to archive images for cardiology, mammography, and ultrasound. The implementation of an Enterprise Imaging system will replace all of these disparate systems with a unified platform.  In December 2024, UI Health issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to evaluate qualified vendors offering Enterprise Imaging platform solutions. Six vendors submitted proposals that met the RFP requirements. Following a competitive evaluation process, AGFA HealthCare Corporation received the highest score among the six responsive proposals and was selected by the RFP committee. The selection process was conducted in full compliance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/20-15).  **Business Enterprise Program (BEP)** **goals**: A 3% BEP aspirational goal was established for this procurement in accordance with State statutes. AGFA submitted a waiver request to reduce the 3% BEP Goal down to 0% due to the proprietary components of this highly specialized, FDA-regulated software that can only be installed and supported by AGFA. The Office of Procurement Diversity reviewed the request and confirmed its support. The waiver was granted by UI Procurement Services. |
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| 6 | Unit | UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Item | Purchase of Specialty Pharmaceuticals for UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Cost | $20,000,000 (estimated) for 5-year term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 |
|  | Vendor | ASD Healthcare Frisco, Texas |
|  |  | ASD Healthcare supplies specialty pharmaceuticals used in the treatment of rare and complex medical conditions, including short bowel syndrome, bile duct and urinary tract cancers, and certain lung infections. Due to the high cost of these medications and their unique storage and transportation requirements, manufacturers often restrict distribution to minimize waste and prevent counterfeiting.  ASD Healthcare has been granted exclusive distribution rights for these specialty drugs, ensuring secure and compliant delivery to healthcare providers.  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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| 7 | Unit | UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Item | Temporary Clinical and Non-clinical Staffing Services for UI Hospital and Clinics |
|  | Cost | $125,000,000 (estimated) for a five-year period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030 |
|  | Vendor | Cross Country Staffing, Inc Boca Raton, Florida |
|  |  | UI Health utilizes temporary staffing to address routine position vacancies, respond to unexpected surges in patient volume, and support special projects essential to patient care and treatment. In FY25, temporary staff were also deployed to maintain operations during work stoppages.  Roles filled through temporary staffing include registered nurses, certified nursing assistants, laboratory and imaging technicians, medical assistants, dietary and clerical personnel, and locum tenens physicians. Cross Country Staffing has consistently served as a reliable provider of temporary staff. The Hospital has established onboarding and training processes to ensure temporary personnel are effectively integrated into the Hospital & Clinics environment..  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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| 8 | Unit | Administrative Information Technology Services (AITS) |
|  | Item | Maintenance of Banner Baseline ERP Software for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030 |
|  | Cost | $7,500,000 (estimated) |
|  | Vendor | Ellucian Company LLC Reston, VA |
|  |  | This is a new sole source purchase for a five-year agreement to provide maintenance and support for the Banner Baseline ERP software. The purchase qualifies as a sole source procurement because the software is proprietary to Ellucian, and no other vendor has access to the source code or the rights to offer maintenance or support services.  Banner Baseline ERP serves as the system of record for the University System. The maintenance agreement covers a comprehensive suite of modules, including:   * Banner Student Self-Service * Banner Faculty Self-Service * Banner Financial Aid and Financial Aid Self-Service * CSS Profile for Financial Aid * Banner Finance * Banner Human Resources * Banner Document Management Suite * Banner Integration for eLearning, eProcurement, and related technologies   Ongoing maintenance by Ellucian includes essential upgrades throughout the contract term. These upgrades are critical to ensure the system remains current, including compliance with federally mandated releases for Financial Aid and state/federal tax updates.  As part of the agreement, Ellucian has committed to capping annual price increases to no more than 5% for the first three years and no more than 7% for the final two years.  Ellucian is the only authorized provider of installation, customization, training, and educational services for its software in the United States. The company does not maintain any authorized service providers or distributors. Consequently, Ellucian was unable to identify Business Enterprise Program (BEP) participation opportunities for this sole source procurement. |

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| **University of Illinois System Office** |

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| 9 | Unit | Office of Medicaid Innovation |
|  | Item | Change order for consultant to assist the Office of Medicaid and Innovation in its partnership with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services in establishing a new framework for its Medicaid managed care delivery system. |
|  | Cost | $1,050,000 (estimated) for a term September 12, 2024 through January 31, 2027 |
|  | Vendor | Boston Consulting Group, Inc. Boston, MA |
|  |  | This is a change order to a task order awarded to Boston Consulting Group, Inc. based on the request for proposal (RFP) 1JWS1805 for Consulting for Strategic/Financial Planning and Related Services. The Board previously approved the initial $4,945,000 amount of this award at its November 2024 meeting.  Previously provided background: Under the 1JWS1805 award, a task order was needed for services for the Office of Medicaid. The University of Illinois System, in strategic partnership with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), established the Office of Medicaid Innovation (OMI) via an Intergovernmental Agreement in 2012. Since then, OMI has developed a portfolio of projects and initiatives authorized and funded by HFS directly supporting Illinois’ Medical Assistance Program (including the state’s Medicaid program). OMI’s efforts to provide direct consultative services combined with OMI’s partnerships established across the various University of Illinois campuses, colleges, and locations, allow OMI to provide clinical and policy support to HFS – aligning the resources of the University with Illinois’ public insurer – consistent with 1) the University of Illinois’s Mission to enhance the lives of the citizens of Illinois through leadership in learning, discovery, engagement and economic development; and 2) the University of Illinois System’s Mission to put knowledge to work on a large scale with excellence.  OMI will provide support to HFS in establishing a new framework for its Medicaid managed care delivery system by: 1) providing a national landscape review of best practices and trends in state managed care regulatory requirements, contracting practices, and ongoing oversight mechanisms; 2) provide research and perspective on the latest trends in service delivery models, including social services, accountable care organizations and alternative payment models; 3) assist in the development of an MCO procurement, including Request for Proposal and model contract, that incorporates key state priorities, innovations in service delivery, state Medicaid managed care purchasing best practices, and methods to support agency efforts to enhance contract oversight and management; and 4) provide consultation on resource needs, structural improvements, and performance management systems that will be needed at HFS to enable successful MCO performance in this changing environment..  A task order was sent to the five awardees. Two (2) awardees responded--McKinsey and Company, Inc., and Boston Consulting Group, Inc. Boston Consulting Group, Inc., was the awardee of the task order.  Change Order information: The University needs to add an additional $1,050,000 to have Boston Consulting Group develop and integrate a Specialty Plan they recommended from their provision of the services needed in Task Order #25. The budget allotted for in Task Order #25 services was $6,000,000.  A 25% aspirational BEP goal was established for this procurement.  Boston Consulting Group, Inc., will meet a goal of 20% by utilizing Illuminative Strategies Inc., for 15% of the services, Rios Partners, LLC, for 5% of the services, and Vander Weele Group, LLC, for 5% of the services. |
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| **SUMMARY OF PURCHASES** | |
| University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | $ 61,150,000 |
| University of Illinois Chicago | $155,390,000 |
| University of Illinois System Office | $ 7,500,000 |
| Recommended from Institutional Funds  Grand Total | $224,040,000 |
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| **SUMMARY OF CHANGE ORDERS** | |
| University of Illinois System Office | $ 1,050,000 |
| Recommended from Institutional Funds  Grand Total | $ 1,050,000 |