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Board Meeting

September 18, 2025

ROLL CALL

APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR NICK HOLONYAK, JR. MICRO AND NANOTECHNOLOGY LABORATORY (HMNTL) INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY UPGRADE, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Construction Contract for Nick Holonyak, Jr. Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory (HMNTL) Infrastructure and Safety Upgrade

**Funding:** Institutional Funds Operating Budget

The Nick Holonyak, Jr. Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory (HMNTL) Infrastructure and Safety Upgrade project addresses aging systems in a key research facility, focusing on replacing outdated exhaust and chilled water systems to improve safety, reduce contamination, and support future lab capacity in line with the lab’s Strategic Vision 2030.

Bids for construction work at HMNTL were received in June 2025 and a total project budget has been established at $7,219,000. For the project to proceed, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the following contract be awarded. Competitive bidding procedures were conducted in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code, and the award is to the lowest responsible bidder.

Grunloh Construction, Inc. Base Bid $5,097,000

Effingham, Illinois Alternate 1[[1]](#footnote-1)1 854,000

Total $5,951,000

The Board action recommended in this item complies with 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 institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

Table 1: Diverse Vendor Participation

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| **Awarded Vendor** | **Single-Prime Contract $ / Diverse Subcontractor Certification** | **Diverse Subcontractor Value** | **Subcontractor % of Work** |
| Grunloh, Construction Inc., Effingham, Illinois | $5,951,000 |  |  |
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|  | MBE (AFA) | $1,346,675 | 23% |
|  | VOSB | $179,000 | 3% |
|  | WBE | $1,175,506 | 20% |
|  |  | **$2,701,181** | **46%** |

1. 1 Description of Alternates: Alternate 1 – Chilled water upgrades [↑](#footnote-ref-1)