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Board Meeting

September 18, 2025

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.

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|  |  | | **CHANGE ORDER RECOMMENDED** | |
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| |  | | --- | | **University of Illinois System Office** | | | | | |
| 1 | Unit | | Office of the Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation | |
|  | Item | | Change order for consultant to assist with duties in support of the federal Broadband, Equity, Adoption, and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Equity (DE) programs, including completion of Illinois’s 5-Year Action Plan and/or Digital Equity Plan. | |
|  | Cost | | $1,000,000 (Estimated) Original Estimate: $4,800,000. New Total Estimate $5,800,000 | |
|  | Vendor | | McKinsey & Company, Inc. Washington, D.C. | |
|  |  | | This is a change order to a task order awarded to McKinsey & Company, Inc. based on the request for proposal (RFP) 1JWS1805 for Consulting for Strategic/Financial Planning and Related Services. This change order request is necessary to meet the new federal policy requirements issued in June 2025 and to meet the new submission deadline that was moved up unexpectedly to September 4,2025. Without this change order, McKinsey cannot produce the work on time nor hire emergency workers. The state of Illinois could lose more than $1BN in broadband funding if the new September 4, 2025, deadline for submission is not met. The change order will increase the estimated total amount to $5.8M.  In May of 2018, the University published solicitation reference number 1JWS1805, a request for proposal (RFP) to provide consulting services in two categories: 1) strategic planning and related services and 2) financial and process analysis. Proposals were opened on June 28, 2018.  A team of five evaluators evaluated the 23 qualified proposals. The University’s RFP stated that it would select up to five awardees for each of the identified categories (strategic planning and related services, and financial and process analysis). The award would establish a qualified pool of vendors. When an individual project becomes available under the award, the University would send a task order outlining the scope of work to the respondents in the relevant category for the services being requested. The RFP did not request pricing information. Pricing was to be requested and evaluated at the time of a specific task order evaluation.  In December 2018, the University published its intent to award the top five scoring respondents, which were the same for both categories. The awarded vendors are:   * Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP * The Boston Consulting Group, Inc. * Ernst & Young LLP * Huron Consulting Services LLC * McKinsey & Company, Inc.   In June of 2021, the University renewed the five awards under solicitation 1JWS1805. The first renewal term was from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2024. The costs of this renewal were estimated at $16 Million. On May 23, 2024, the University exercised the last renewal of the five awards under solicitation 1JWS1805. The second renewal term is from 7/01/2024 through 6/30/2027.  A task order specific to the BEAD and DE project was sent to the five awardees. Two (2) awardees responded.  McKinsey and Company, Inc. responded to both Task #1 and Task #2 in the task order. Boston Consulting Group responded to Task #2 only. The University needs to add an additional $1M for the work McKinsey and Company, Inc. is doing for Task #1.  Through the Illinois Broadband Lab collaboration, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (University) and its Illinois Innovation Network (IIN) assists the Illinois Office of Broadband, housed within the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), with implementation and administration of the Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program and related programming. The collaborative work leverages funding and programs established through the American Rescue Plan Act or Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.  This federally funded programming and work include but is not limited to, provisions included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which dedicates $42.5 billion to broadband network expansion and $2.75 billion to establish three digital equity grant programs. Together, these programs promote broadband deployment and digital equity to ensure that all individuals and communities have the skills, technology, and capacity needed to reap the benefits of a 21st digital economy.  Funding specific to this project is be appropriated through the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (part of U.S. Department of Commerce) that will be granted to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IL DCEO). IL DCEO will then relay the funding to the U of I System.  **Business Enterprise Program (BEP)** A 25% aspirational BEP goal was established for this procurement. McKinsey & Company, Inc. will use Columbia Telecommunications Corporation dba CTC Technology & for an estimated 12% of the services. | |
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| 2 | Unit | | UIS College of Business and Management | |
|  | Item | | Online Learning Management Support | |
|  | Cost | | $8,000,000 (estimated) | |
|  | Vendor | | Risepoint, formerly Academic Partnerships Dallas, Texas | |
|  |  | | Academic Partnerships (now Risepoint) was awarded a RFP for Online Learning Support, JM1521. AP provides the research, development and launch of programs and student support to graduation for UIS students.  AP will provide market research to identify high-demand online programs and will then market and promote these online programs to be provided by UIS programs for students. AP will work with UIS to launch the programs and support the faculty through the development of the programs.  AP provide staffing and equipping of a call center which calls students for recruitment for the developed programs. In addition to recruiting, through consultation with the UIS Admissions Office, AP will inform applicants of the UIS application requirements, provide program deadlines, assist through the application/registration process. AP also provides student support services throughout the process through graduation.  UIS has added several MBA and MIS programs as well as graduate certificate programs to the listing for students as a result of this contract which began January 22, 2021. With the addition of the programs, and their popularity, the compensation to the vendor has increased with the continuation of students advancing through the programs.  Term of contract: January 22, 2021, through June 30, 2026, with the option to renew for a five-year term.  **Business Enterprise Program (BEP)** goals are not established as there are no other sources able to meet the need. | |
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| **SUMMARY OF CHANGE ORDERS** | |
| University of Illinois System Office | $ 1,000,000 |
| University of Illinois Springfield | $ 8,000,000 |
| Recommended from Institutional Funds  Grand Total | $ 9,000,000 |