Approved by the Board of Trustees

September 21, 2023

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Board Meeting

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ROLL CALL

EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR RENOVATION OF THE

UIS INNOVATION CENTER, SPRINGFIELD

(Capital Development Board Project)

**Action:** Approve the Recommendation to the Capital Development Board to Employ Architect/Engineer for Renovation of the UIS Innovation Center

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

In July 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the acquisition of the property at 401 East Washington Street, Springfield, IL, to house the new UIS Innovation Center. This new 26,000 gross square foot, LEED Silver facility will provide collaborative co-working spaces and experiential learning labs, which will include a makerspace/prototyping lab, technology-rich classrooms, informal meeting spaces, conference rooms, a flexible multi-use technology-rich conference/community room, and offices for university administrators, and corporate, industry, and community partners. The project will include site work, not limited to utility, drainage, parking, and landscaping. The Capital Development Board has released $1.0 million for the planning and design of the facility.

For the project to proceed, employing an architect/engineer for the required professional services is necessary. The selection of the architect/engineer for this project was in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the Public Act 87-673 (Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act).[[1]](#footnote-1)

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and the vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Board of Trustees request the Capital Development Board to employ Farnsworth Group, Inc., Springfield, IL, for the professional services required for this project. The Capital Development Board will negotiate the professional fees for the firm employed 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.

Funds for the project are available through State of Illinois capital appropriations.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

1. A selection committee consisting of Brent Lance (Capital Development Board), Natashia Ramirez (Capital Development Board), Matt Paul (Capital Development Board), Patrick Randle (Capital Development Board), Micalea Vidana (Capital Development Board), Sherri Sullivan (Capital Development Board), Chuck Coderko (Facilities and Services, UIS), and Bruce Sommer (Economic Development and Innovation, UIS) evaluated and interviewed the following firms: Bailey Edward Design, Champaign, IL; Farnsworth Group, Inc, Springfield, IL, and Cordogan, Clark & Associates, Inc., Aurora, IL. The selection committee recommends Farnsworth Group, Inc., Springfield, IL, as best meeting the criteria for the project and the needs of the University. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)