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ROLL CALL

EMPLOY ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR THE INNOVATION CENTER EXPANSION, CHICAGO

(Capital Development Board Project)

**Action:** Employ Architect/Engineer for the Innovation Center Expansion

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds and Institutional Funds Operating Budget

In May 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the Innovation Center Expansion project with a project budget of $10.0 million. In January 2020, the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) employed a retainer architect to produce conceptual design documents to pursue funding for the UIC Innovation Center to construct a 15,000 square foot expansion. The proposed site for the addition is adjacent to the Student Services Building in the recently demolished parking structure location at the corner of Harrison and Throop Streets, Chicago, Illinois. The expanded space will hold interdisciplinary courses, incubator spaces, and prototyping areas. The Concept Design Phase produced compelling conceptual and visual material that represents a facility optimized for collaborative work among interdisciplinary teams and expands the innovative educational experience for which the Innovation Center is known, thus broadening the relationship between UIC and its corporate partnerships and cementing UIC as an innovation campus.

In fall 2020, the State of Illinois released $4.4 million towards this project. The University will fund the remaining $5.6 million of the total project budget.

In April 2021, the Capital Development Board commenced a Professional Services Consultant selection process. 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 the Public Act 87-673 (Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act).[[1]](#footnote-1)

Accordingly, the Chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Board of Trustees request the Capital Development Board to employ Moreno Architects, Ltd., Chicago, IL, 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, University of Illinois *Statutes, The* G*eneral Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedures*, and the Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Chicago and State of Illinois capital appropriations.

The President of the University concurs.

1. 1 A selection committee consisting of J. Brent Lance (Capital Development Board [CDB] QBS Chair), David Ealey (CDB Professional Services), Chris MacGibbon (CDB Construction), Micaela Vidana (CDB Fair Employment Practices), Peter Phanner (Director, UIC Innovation Center), William Bradford (UIC Office of Planning, Sustainability and Project Management) evaluated and interviewed the following firms: Gensler Architecture, Design & Planning, P.C., Chicago, IL; Moreno Architects, Ltd., Chicago, IL; and Woodhouse Tinucci Architects, LLC, Chicago, IL. The selection committee recommends Moreno Architects, Ltd., Chicago, IL, as best meeting the criteria for the project and the needs of the University. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)