AGENDA ITEM 9 OCTOBER 29, 2009

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REGISTER OF UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

<u>Action Requested</u>: Consider approval of the University's request for permission to proceed with project planning for the **Burge Hall – Install Sprinkler System** project and the selection of Design Engineers of Cedar Rapids, Iowa to provide design services for the project.

Executive Summary: The University requests permission to proceed with project planning for the installation of a sprinkler system in the portions of Burge Hall currently not sprinkled. (A map showing the location of Burge Hall is attached.) Recent renovations/additions to Burge Hall, constructed in 1959, included sprinkler systems (dining, lobby, and kitchen facilities remodeling completed in 2004 and new student room addition completed in 2009). Pursuant to an agreement with the State Fire Marshal in approving plans for the new addition, the University agreed to install a sprinkler system in the remaining areas of the facility by July 2012. This project will fulfill that agreement. The estimated project cost of \$1.8 million to \$2.1 million would be funded by dormitory improvement funds.

The University also requests a waiver of the Board's policy on the selection process for design professionals for projects exceeding \$1 million. This policy requires the convening of a committee to select the firm for a specific project. The University requests permission to proceed with hiring Design Engineers of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Design Engineers has been the engineer of record for all previous additions, renovations and sprinkler projects in Burge Hall. Design Engineers has extensive knowledge of the building systems and the existing sprinkler system. The University believes that Design Engineers is uniquely qualified to assist in the completion of this project.

Details of Project:

Burge Hall - Install Sprinkler System

Project Summary

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	Board Action
Permission to Proceed		Oct. 2009	Requested

