



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Illinois State University

Resolution Number 2026.10/48

Authorization for Design Services for Campus East Building 2

Resolution

Whereas, Illinois State University has established Campus East as the permanent location of the College of Engineering and as a future hub for academic programs, research, collaboration, experiential learning, and administrative functions; and

Whereas, Campus East includes the adjoining building at 1711 General Electric Road, identified for this project as Campus East Building 2, which is anticipated to accommodate additional academic programs and administrative offices; and

Whereas, the University is completing a program study to identify the functions to be located in Campus East Building 2 and establish the space, infrastructure, technology, accessibility, security, and operational requirements; and

Whereas, architectural and engineering services are required to incorporate the approved findings of the program study into construction documents for the build-out and renovation of Campus East Building 2; and

Whereas, the total authorization for architectural and engineering services shall not exceed \$1,300,000.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees in regular meeting assembled authorizes the University to procure and contract for architectural and engineering services necessary to incorporate the findings of the Campus East Building 2 program study and prepare construction documents for the build-out and renovation, including related bidding and construction administration services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000, in accordance with University policies and applicable procurement and fiscal guidelines.

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Board Action on _____
Motion by _____
Second by _____
Vote _____ Yeas, _____ Nays

ATTEST: Board Action, October 23, 2026

Secretary / Chairperson

Board of Trustees
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Background

Illinois State University officially named its 28-acre General Electric Road property Campus East in July 2026. The property includes the College of Engineering facility at 1709 General Electric Road and the adjoining office building at 1711 General Electric Road. The University has identified the adjoining building as a future location for additional academic programs and administrative offices. The Campus East investment supports the University's plans for growth, innovation, collaboration, research, and experiential learning.

A program study for Campus East Building 2 is currently underway. The study will establish the programmatic and operational requirements for the building and will serve as the basis for the subsequent design and construction documentation.

Justification

Retaining an architectural and engineering team will allow the University to move directly from programming into the preparation of coordinated construction documents. The work will convert the approved program into a complete, code-compliant design, establish the extent of renovation and system modifications, and provide the documents required for bidding and construction.

The project will create additional University-owned space capable of accommodating functions currently housed in leased facilities, reducing long-term occupancy costs while providing space that can be configured to support the University's evolving academic and operational needs.

Authorization at this time will maintain continuity between the program study and the design phase, reduce the risk of duplicating programming work, and allow the design team to address existing-building conditions, long-lead equipment, phasing, and operational impacts early in the development of the project.

Project Plan

Scope and Scale

The project will incorporate the approved findings of the Campus East Building 2 program study into the design of Campus East Building 2. Architectural and engineering services will evaluate existing conditions, develop the improvements necessary to support the approved program, and prepare the construction documents, cost estimates, and schedules required for bidding and construction.

Current Project Status-Schedule

- The total Architectural/Engineering fee is established at an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.
- The Campus East Building 2 program study is currently underway.
- Construction documents are anticipated to begin in late fall 2026 and be completed in late spring 2027.

Source of Funding

Proceeds from Certificates of Participation Series 2026A and 2026B