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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BOARD APPROVES EASTERN ACTIONS

CHARLESTON, IL.--Construction bids for Eastern Illinois University's Student Recreation Center-Addition to Lantz Gymnasium were awarded today (June 21) by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at its meeting in Springfield.

Construction is planned to begin immediately on the \$6 million project, with completion scheduled for late July, 1991. The total project also involves a \$400,000 upgrade of facilities in the existing Lantz Building.

The project was approved by Eastern students in a referendum on November 8, 1989, as a non-instructional capital improvement project by the Board of Governors on November 13, 1989, and by the Illinois Board of Higher Education on December 5, 1989.

Construction of the Recreation Center and improvements to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system in Lantz Building were earlier approved in concept by the Board at its May 17, 1990, meeting.

The successful bidders were: General Contract, The Petry-Kuhne Company of Champaign (\$3,706,850); electrical contract, Commercial Electric, Inc. of Mattoon (\$421,060); heating contract, Commercial Mechanical, Inc. of Dunlap (\$861,400); plumbing contract, Harshman Plumbing, Heating & Electrical Co. of Sullivan (\$145,680); ventilation contract, Natkin and Company of Peoria (\$473,150); and fire protection contract, Harshman Plumbing, Heating & Electrical Co. of Sullivan (\$72,882).

Eastern President Stan Rives said the University was especially pleased that the bids were competitive and that the total of the bids and architects' fees were within the amount available to complete the project.

The facility will be paid for by a bond issue which will be paid through a student fee. No tax dollars are involved in the project.

The Board also approved awarding a contract for \$155,000 to Rettberg-Gruber Architects, Champaign, to develop a long-range campus master plan, which will provide guidelines for campus development over the next 25 years consistent with the educational, research, and public service mission of the University.

The project, funded by appropriated and auxiliary enterprise funds, consists of three phases. The first phase, costing \$90,300, will include an inventory and analysis of base information including enrollment projections, existing buildings utilization, program and functional relationships of facilities and documentation of existing space/buildings current physical condition, including mechanical and utility systems.

Other areas to be studied include access/circulation/
parking/pedestrian/bicycle systems, land use and character of
surrounding off-campus areas, and zoning or other local
policies affecting campus development.

Based upon information gathered in Phase I, concept plan alternatives will be developed for consideration during Phase II, estimated at \$28,000. Phase III, the long-range Campus Master Plan, will cost about \$36,000.

NE-CO Asphalt Company, Inc., Charleston, was awarded a \$92,021.29 contract to repair and resurface the parking lot at O'Brien Stadium. The project includes crack repair, patching, 1 1/4" bituminous concrete overlay, sealing and striping, and a few additional parking spaces. The entire lot will provide parking for 302 automobiles.

The Board also approved 16 additional routine purchases, including several annual supply and service contracts.