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For Immediate Release:

EIU BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES PURCHASE ITEMS

CHARLESTON -- The Executive Committee of Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees gave its stamp of approval to four purchase items when it met via tele-conference call Monday.

Among those items considered was design services for Phase 3 of the university's chilled water loop. This newest contract will provide project design and supervision services for the extension of the existing chilled water loop to McAfee Gymnasium and the Physical Sciences building at a cost of \$133,650.

A design services agreement for the installation of air-conditioning in Lincoln and Douglas residence halls was approved by Eastern's BOT in 1997. On Nov. 17, 1998, the BOT approved a change order for asbestos abatement design work. The scope of the work has further increased to include additional soil/concrete testing services. These

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services were approved at a cost of \$3,440.

In addition, a design services agreement for EIU's Food Court, to be located in the University Union, was approved by the BOT Oct. 19, 1998. The scope of the work/estimated cost of construction increased from \$2.5 million to \$4.5 million in order to meet the needs of Dining Services and overall facility requirements. The Executive Committee approved paying the additional cost -- \$109,000 -- necessary to cover additional design services associated with the project's expanded scope.

In final action, BOT members approved the purchase of property located at 1908 ½ South 10th St., Charleston, at a cost of \$52,500. The site -- 50- by 140-feet, for a total of 7,000 square feet -- adjoins university parking lots located near Buzzard Hall.