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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University is one step closer to construction of a facility for the College of Business.

Governor James Thompson recently released \$230,000 which will be used to finance a study to establish a central location for the College of Business.

"We met with the architect and Capital Development Board on Thursday (May 29) and have begun a detailed study," said Dr. Verna Armstrong, EIU vice president for Administration and Finance.

"We'll now begin working with University staff and in a couple weeks should be able to establish a more accurate timetable as to when we'll be able to specify the location and description of the facility."

State Representative Mike Weaver who, along with State Senator Harry 'Babe' Woodyard, sponsored the legislation, said, "It's been a long time coming. We've been chomping at the bit but certainly pleased the money has been released in this fiscal year.

"Now we can start on Phase III which is funding for the construction. Babe had included the \$6.2 million in the Capital Development Board budget in the Senate's Build Illinois bill and, as far as I know, it has passed the Senate," Weaver said.

"I'm hopeful we can start construction next spring or summer . . . at least that's what I perceive."

The demand for additional space was created as the College of Business

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steadily outgrew Blair Hall and began crowding Coleman Hall where the department of management/marketing was moved 11 years ago.

"We desperately need centralized and additional space," said Dr. Ted Ivarie, dean of the College of Business. "While the University's enrollment has increased by 40 percent over the years, College of Business enrollment has jumped 140 percent. The operation has become too fragmented for maximum effectiveness."