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CHARLESTON, IL.--Three contracts related to Eastern Illinois University's coal conversion project were extended at the Board of Governor's June meeting Thursday (June 19) resulting from a rescheduling of the test period.

"The preliminary test firing period was to begin about April 1 but is now expected to commence about July 15," said Dr. Verna Armstrong, vice president for Administration and Finance.

"The delays are not due to any equipment problems. . . simply behind due to the normal lag in a construction schedule," she said.

Contract extensions were granted for \$275,000 to Consolidated Coal Company of Des Plaines for test coal, for \$80,769 to Mississippi Lime Company of Alton for pebble lime and \$12,000 to Kleenwel Disposal of Charleston for disposal of heat plant waste.

The extensions are in effect for a 90 day test period beginning July 15 but Armstrong does not expect the testing period to last that long.

The basic project, which is to switch the heating and cooling systems from natural gas to coal, is to reactivate three coal-fired boilers and modify two existing gas-fired boilers to burn either coal or gas.

The board was informed that ARA Services of Rosemont has been contracted to provide food service, including campus catering, at the Rathskellar and Panther Lair in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union for a five year period beginning June 1.

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ARA, which replaces Hardees, guarantees the University in excess of \$66,000 annually plus a percentage of gross sales.

"ARA is an established corporation that has been in the food service operation for a considerable period of time. They are well respected and came highly recommended by several colleges we contacted," said Glenn Williams, vice president for Student Affairs. "I'm confident their service and quality of food will make a favorable impression on both the University and area communities."

Morford Construction Specialties Company, Carmel, IN, received a \$383,444 contract for the continued removal of asbestos from Booth Library and the heating plant boiler rooms.

The Board was notified that the University will on July 1 begin purchasing natural gas at a cost of \$2.5669 per million BTUs from three companies, Reliance Gas Marketing of Tulsa, OK, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line of Houston, TX and Central Illinois Public Service of Springfield.

Contracting with three separate firms will be more cost effective for the University, according to Armstrong.

Parking lots at Stevenson Tower, the Buzzard Building and the Telephone-Security Building will be resurfaced this summer at a cost of \$18,774. Henning Asphalt Sealing & Striping Company, Mattoon was the successful bidder.

Approval was granted to contract for professional consulting services with Upchurch and Associates of Mattoon and Service Engineering Associates of Atlanta, GA.

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The Upchurch contracts, totaling \$67,872, are partially funded through U.S. Department of Energy grants. A technical analysis study of campus buildings will result in recommendations for energy conservation measures.

Service Engineering Associates will provide a facilities management audit costing \$24,900. "This will be a comprehensive study of the operation and maintenance of the University's physical plant," said Armstrong.