

7-24-1986

07/24/1986 - Coal Purchased

University Marketing and Communications

Follow this and additional works at: http://thekeep.eiu.edu/press_releases_1986

Recommended Citation

University Marketing and Communications, "07/24/1986 - Coal Purchased" (1986). 1986. 826.
http://thekeep.eiu.edu/press_releases_1986/826

This is brought to you for free and open access by the Press Releases at The Keep. It has been accepted for inclusion in 1986 by an authorized administrator of The Keep. For more information, please contact tabruns@eiu.edu.



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Charleston, Illinois

news

HARRY READ, Director of Information and Publications (217) 581-2820

July 24, 1986

L/A/M

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Purchase of approximately 14,377 tons of coal for Eastern Illinois University was presented today (July 24) to the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities.

Although bids meeting specifications were received from four companies, a vendor will not be selected until test firing for sulphur content (maximum of five percent) has been determined, according to a University official.

Cost of the coal, to be used in Eastern's coal conversion facility, is not to exceed \$600,000. The Executive Committee of the Board will approve a specific vendor after the tests have been conducted. The coal-fired plant is scheduled to become operational later this summer.

Although a "soaped-up" firing has been conducted to clean out the boiler, actual coal-burning tests will begin in about two weeks, the official said.

In connection with the new plant, a bid to furnish up to 220 tons of soda ash from a Philadelphia based firm at costs not exceeding \$35,000 was approved.

The ash will be used in the flue gas desulfurization process to remove sulfur and other contaminants from the flue gas before it is emitted into the atmosphere.

A report submitted to the Board by President Stan Rives shows that gifts to the Eastern Illinois University Foundation increased 83.1 percent during fiscal year 1986. The total was \$854,770, an increase of \$387,934 over fiscal year 1985's total of \$446,836.

-more-

add 1

BOG

The figures were included in an up-dating of the University's Tenth Decade Campaign, a project aimed at raising \$5 million in private contributions to Eastern and the Foundation by December 1989.

The campaign was inaugurated in 1985 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Eastern's founding by the General Assembly.

Rives' report indicated the University had received 60 grants and contracts from July of 1985 through June 1986. Total value of the grants is \$3,357,403.

In other action the Board approved the following purchases requested by Rives:

Twenty-five Zenith Micro-Computers (\$29,975) to replace obsolete classroom equipment;

A mini van (\$8,814.75) for delivering food to seven nutrition sites;

A year's supply of newsprint for the Daily Eastern News at a cost not exceeding \$47,250;

A 1986 Chevrolet Caprice (\$8,880 including trade-in) for use by University police.

The Board also approved expenditures of \$32,280 to cover the cost of the 1986-87 conference membership for women's sports and for football, and for officiating fees for football, basketball and volleyball.