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Illinois Insight

University of Illinois FY2010 State Budget Information

The University recently submitted its FY2010 funding request to the State of Illinois. Governor Quinn will submit his budget proposal on March 18, 2009 and the General Assembly should pass a final budget by May 31, 2009.

FY2010 Operating Budget Request

The U of I requested an additional \$113 million from the state, which represents an 8 percent increase over the FY2009 base of \$1.4 billion. These additional funds will allow the University to strengthen academic quality, address facility operation needs, and meet inflationary and other costs.

FY2010 Capital Requests

In addition to its operating budget, the U of I also relies on Illinois for construction funding. The state has not passed a capital construction bill since 2003. University officials have requested funding for several capital projects on the Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield campuses. Following are the U of I's top twelve capital requests, totaling \$454,199,600:

- Repair and Renovation for all three campuses
- Lincoln Hall Remodeling, Urbana campus
- College of Medicine at Rockford Building and Rural Health Care Program Support, Chicago campus
- Electrical and Computer Engineering Building, Urbana campus
- Integrated Bioprocessing and Research Lab, Urbana campus
- Dentistry Modernization/Code Compliance, Chicago campus
- Pharmacy Renovation and Addition, Chicago campus
- Public Safety Building, Springfield campus
- Disability Research, Resources and Education Services Building, Urbana campus
- Burrill Hall Remodeling, Urbana campus
- Science and Engineering Lab Renovation Phase I, Chicago campus
- Brookens Library Renovation, Springfield campus

Healthy Returns – The Illinois Bill of Health

The mounting cost of training healthcare providers threatens the ability of UIC to continue to provide a high volume of highly trained medical professionals. Therefore, the University is requesting \$10 million a year in recurring funds to retain the best faculty in health science, provide equipment and technology upgrades in teaching facilities, keep tuition increases minimal, and prevent cuts in health science enrollments. UIC will require an additional \$5.5 million to expand enrollment by 20% (or 65 additional students), as requested by the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Petascale Computing Facility

The University is seeking \$60 million for a Petascale Computing facility at Illinois to hold the computer known as Blue Waters, which promises to be the fastest new supercomputer in the world. Blue Waters is supported by the National Science Foundation in partnership with IBM, the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, and the Great Lakes Consortium for Petascale Computation.

