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SALE AND AWARD OF \$17,595,000 (ESTIMATED) DORMITORY REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES I.S.U. 2011

Action Requested: Consider adopting the following resolution, subject to receipt of acceptable bids:

A Resolution providing for the sale and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$17,595,000 (estimated) Dormitory Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series I.S.U. 2011, for the purpose of currently refunding the Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series I.S.U. 2001A, and paying the costs of issuance.

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

Executive Summary: The Board is asked to consider adoption of a resolution providing for the sale, award, authorization, and issuance of Dormitory Revenue Refunding Bonds for Iowa State University. When the calendar year 2011 bond issuance schedule was approved by the Board in October 2010, it authorized such refunding bonds as the Executive Director determines advisable.

A review of possible refundings by Springsted, Inc., the Board's Financial Advisor, has determined that significant interest rate savings could occur by refunding the outstanding maturities of the \$21,665,000 Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series I.S.U. 2001A. These bonds were issued to finance construction of Suite Building 1, Union Drive Neighborhood (now known as Eaton Hall) at Iowa State University. The University's residence system is a self-supporting operation and receives no state appropriations.

Interest on the refunding bonds would be exempt from federal and state taxes (double tax-exempt) for Iowa residents who purchase the bonds. Interest on the bonds to be refunded has also been double tax-exempt.

The proposed refunding of the Dormitory Revenue bonds would be a current refunding as the refunding would occur less than 90 days prior to the anticipated call date of July 1, 2011. The 2012 – 2028 maturities of the bonds would be called and principal payments made on the call date. (The 2011 maturity would be paid with currently available residence system funds.) The refunding would not extend the maturity of the bonds beyond the last scheduled maturity of the 2001A Series bonds.

Interest rates on the refunding bonds are anticipated to be lower than the interest rates on the refunded bonds for the same years. (Rates on the 2001A Series bonds are 5.0% in 2012-2014 and from 2018 to 2028, with rates from 2015 to 2017 slightly lower.) Springsted, Inc., the Board's financial advisor, has projected that the refunding would result in a present value savings of approximately \$1.2 million. Annual cash flow savings are estimated at approximately \$105,000.

The refunding issuance amount is estimated at \$17,595,000. This amount will be adjusted up or down, depending upon the bid received, but will not exceed \$18,000,000, in order to provide sufficient funds to call and redeem the Series 2001A Refunded Bonds and to pay costs of issuance, which are estimated at \$95,000.

Additional Information: Under the provisions of Iowa Code §§262.55 to 262.66, the Board is authorized to construct, equip, improve, repair, remodel, operate and maintain residence halls and dormitories, including dining and other incidental facilities, at the universities. The Board is further authorized to borrow money to finance the construction or improvements and to refund such indebtedness.

The receipt and opening of bids is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2011, and the award is scheduled for later that day. A representative of Springsted, Inc. will report on the bids received and make a recommendation to the Board for award of the bonds.

The official statement for the bond sale may be found on the website of Springsted, Inc., the Board's Financial Advisor, at <http://www.springsted.com/>.

A copy of the resolution, which was prepared by Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. and reviewed by Springsted, Inc. is available from the Board Office.

Specifics of the bonds are:

- Average Maturity: 9.95 Years
- Bonds Dated: May 1, 2011
- Interest Due: January 1, 2012 and each July 1 and January 1 to maturity
- Interest Exemption: Exempt from federal and state taxes for individual purchasers who are residents of Iowa
- Principal Due: July 1, 2012 – 2028
- Optional Call: Bonds maturing on or after July 1, 2021 are callable commencing July 1, 2020 and any date thereafter at par
- Denomination: \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof