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**SALE AND AWARD OF \$24,010,000 (ESTIMATED) DORMITORY
REVENUE BONDS, SERIES U.N.I. 2016**

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 \$24,010,000 (estimated) Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2016, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing and equipping improvements to the Dormitory System, funding a debt service reserve fund, and paying costs of issuance.

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

Executive Summary: The Board is asked to consider adoption of a resolution providing for the sale and issuance of Dormitory Revenue Bonds for the University of Northern Iowa. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds would be used to fund the Lawther Hall Renovation project. Following the renovation, the building will continue to serve as a residence hall with student rooms, gathering spaces and support spaces. The bond issuance was included on the calendar year 2016 schedule approved by the Board in October 2015.

The Board approved the schematic design, project description and budget (\$22,000,000) for the Lawther Hall Renovation project at its October 2015 meeting. The University's Residence System is a self-supporting operation and receives no state appropriations.

Principal on the bonds would be repaid over a period of 20 years beginning July 1, 2018. Debt service payments are estimated at approximately \$2 million in FY 2018 and gradually decline to \$1.2 million in FY 2037. Payments would be made from the net rents, profits and income of the Residence System. Interest on the bonds would be exempt from federal and state taxes (double tax-exempt) for Iowa residents who purchase the bonds.

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 bond issue of \$24,010,000 and an anticipated reoffering premium are expected to include:

- project costs (estimated at \$22,000,000);
- debt service reserve (estimated at \$1,960,000);
- underwriters discount (estimated at \$288,000); and
- issuance costs (estimated at \$93,000).

The receipt and opening of bids is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, and the award is scheduled for later that day.

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: 11.8 Years
- Bonds Dated: March 1, 2016
- Interest Due: July 1, 2016, and each January 1 and July 1 to maturity
- Interest Exemption: Exempt from federal and state taxes for individual purchasers who are residents of Iowa
- Principal Due: July 1, 2018 – 2037
- Optional Call: Bonds maturing on or after July 1, 2027 are callable commencing July 1, 2026 and any date thereafter at par
- Denomination: \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof