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**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR
EMERGENCY CONTRACTING AUTHORIZATIONS**

Action Requested: Recommend the Board ratify Executive Director Braun’s authorization of emergency contracting allowing ISU to hire Mainline Construction of Bondurant to excavate leaking underground cooling water piping that feeds the Power Plant.

Iowa Code §262.34, section 2 (added in 2009):

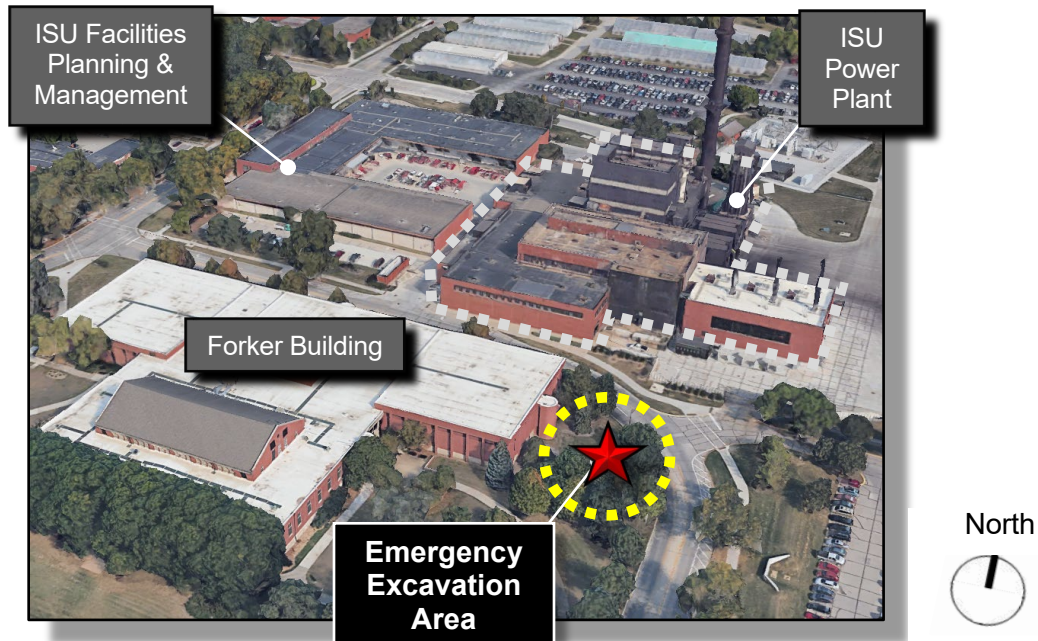
- “.....when a delay in undertaking a repair, restoration, or reconstruction of a public improvement might cause serious loss or injury at an institution under the control of the state board of regents, the executive director of the board, or the board, shall make a finding of the need to institute emergency procedures under this subsection. The board by separate action shall approve the emergency procedures to be employed.”

Executive Summary:

April 2, 2021: Some 48” diameter underground cooling water piping began leaking. ISU made an emergency service call to Mainline Construction to excavate the area for a not-to-exceed price of \$50,000. Excavation uncovered additional leaks requiring more work, increasing the cost to a range of \$100,000 to \$150,000.

While ISU facilities staff made the actual pipe repairs, Mainline Construction provided excavation shoring, labor and equipment to allow ISU to safely enter the excavation area.

April 16, 2021: Executive Director Braun provided emergency contracting authorization to ISU to hire Mainline Construction for an estimated contract of \$100,000 to \$150,000.



Iowa State University,
Northeast corner of central campus, looking north