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**SALE AND AWARD OF \$12,935,000 (ESTIMATED) DORMITORY
REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES U.N.I. 2017**

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 \$12,935,000 (estimated) Dormitory Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2017, for the purpose of advance refunding the Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2010A, and paying 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 the University of Northern Iowa. When the calendar year 2017 bond issuance schedule was approved by the Board in October 2016, it authorized such refunding bonds as the Executive Director determines advisable.

A review of possible refundings by Springsted, Inc., the Board's Municipal Advisor, has determined that significant interest rate savings could occur by refunding the 2018 – 2030 maturities of the \$16,790,000 Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2010A. These bonds were issued to partially fund the Apartment Housing – Phase 1 project (now Panther Village), which provided additional housing for 204 residents to meet the needs of junior and senior students, while enhancing the housing inventory. 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 an advance refunding as the refunding would occur prior to the initial call date of July 1, 2020. The proceeds from the sale of the refunding bonds, net of debt service reserve fund contribution and issuance expenses, would be invested in U.S. Treasury Obligations or other permitted investments to fund an escrow account which would be used to redeem the 2018 – 2030 maturities. The refunding would not extend the maturity of the bonds beyond the last scheduled maturity of the 2010A Series bonds.

Interest rates on the refunding bonds are anticipated to be lower than the interest rates on the Series 2010A bonds for the same years. (Rates on the 2010A Series bonds range from 3.25% in 2018 to 5.0% in 2030.) Springsted, Inc., the Board's municipal advisor, has projected that the refunding would result in a present value savings of approximately \$0.81 million. Annual cash flow savings are estimated at approximately \$73,000.

The refunding issuance amount is estimated at \$12,935,000. Depending upon the bid received, this amount will be adjusted up or down. This flexibility will provide sufficient funds to fund the escrow account and to pay the costs of issuance, which are estimated at \$67,000.

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 Wednesday, August 2, 2017 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: 7.2 Years
- Bonds Dated: September 1, 2017
- Interest Due: July 1, 2018 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 – 2030
- Optional Call: Bonds maturing on or after July 1, 2028 are callable commencing July 1, 2027 and any date thereafter at par
- Denomination: \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof