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REGISTER OF IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Action Requested: Consider approval of the following actions for the **Cyclone Sports Complex** project, a major capital project as defined by Board policy:

1. Acknowledge receipt of the University's initial submission of information to address the Board's capital project evaluation criteria (see Attachment A);
2. Accept the Board Office recommendation that the project meets the necessary criteria for Board consideration; and
3. Authorize permission to proceed with project planning, including the selection of RDG Planning and Design as the design professional for the project.

Executive Summary: The University requests permission to proceed with project planning, including the selection of RDG Planning and Design, for the **Cyclone Sports Complex** project. (See Attachment B for a map showing the location of the proposed complex.)

The current outdoor track and field facility, which is located at the Southwest Athletics Complex, has deteriorated beyond repair and is in need of replacement. The Athletics Department has not hosted a home competition on the track in many years, and the track no longer meets the requirements to host the Big 12 championships. Most student athletes no longer utilize the outdoor track for practice due to its condition. The project also proposes to relocate the soccer program from the flood plain (current facilities are adjacent to the Lied Recreation Center and CyRide facility) to a new, all-weather surface for practice and competition. The softball field would be incorporated into the project to consolidate these field venues at one site where patrons would have appropriate guest services with necessary support buildings.

The proposed site for the new complex was chosen because it provides the space to accommodate four sport programs (men's track, women's track, softball and soccer) and is not located in a flood plain. The current soccer fields would be used for recreation club sports, and the entire Southwest Athletics Complex would be reallocated to Recreation Services for additional club sport activities that cannot be accommodated on fields near Lied Recreation Center. The new Complex would greatly enhance the facilities the University makes available to the Iowa Games, Special Olympics, and other non-university users.

The anticipated project cost of \$10.7 million would be funded by debt financing and private giving. The Department of Athletics intends to service the debt from revenues generated from private giving and discretionary revenues. No additional general university support or increased student fees are contemplated as a revenue source to finance the project or to fund operating and maintenance costs. As planning proceeds and private fund raising commitments are completed, a detailed financial plan will be provided for Board approval.

The University requests a waiver of the Board's selection process for design professionals and the selection of RDG Planning and Design (RDG) for the project. In 2009, the University engaged the firm to study the feasibility of relocating track, softball, and soccer facilities to a common location. RDG was selected for this preliminary work because of its nationally recognized expertise in design of sports facilities and its long term relationship with the preeminent track design consultant, Paige Design Group. The University wishes to continue the relationship with RDG and Paige Design Group for design professional services for the project for the following reasons.

- RDG is a national leader in Sports and Recreation facility design;
- RDG is an Iowa based firm;
- RDG has developed an exemplary record of service to Iowa State University on numerous projects over the last 30 years;
- RDG's team includes the Paige Design Group, which is a must-have for design of world class collegiate track facilities; and
- RDG has provided the services for the preliminary study and is very familiar with the project program requirements. RDG will be able to expedite the final design for the desired completion / competition dates.

Details of Project:

Cyclone Sports Complex

Project Summary

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Board Action</u>
Permission to Proceed		Oct. 2010	Requested
Initial Review and Consideration of Capital Project Evaluation Criteria		Oct. 2010	Receive Report
Selection of RDG Planning and Design (Ames and Des Moines, IA)		Oct. 2010	Requested

**Cyclone Sports Complex
Evaluation Criteria**

Since the project meets the Board's definition of a major capital project, the University has provided the following information in response to the Board's evaluation criteria.

Institutional Mission/Strategic Plan: The Intercollegiate Athletic programs are important to the support of Iowa State University's strategic plan to:

- Ensure that intercollegiate athletics programs are models of academic success, integrity and competitiveness;
- Provide a rich array of extracurricular opportunities to learn, lead and enjoy life;
- Elevate the state's appeal as a place to live, learn, work and play; and
- Ensure that the university is a great place to learn and work.

The track, softball and soccer facilities contribute to these initiatives, build community on and off campus, enhance and support athletics competitiveness, and elevate the quality of several facilities that are part of Title IX compliance.

Other Alternatives Explored: The athletic track and softball programs are currently located at the SW Athletic site which is shared with Recreation Services. The soccer program is located on fields east of the Lied Recreation Center. The goal of the project is to consolidate these Athletic facilities on one site.

Several sites were reviewed as alternatives to meet this goal including the Maple-Willow-Larch Intramural fields, SE Intramural fields, the existing SW Athletic area and the Towers Intramural fields. The first two sites were eliminated as they are located in flood prone areas and the proposed track, softball and soccer fields include structures such as bleachers, press boxes and patron services in addition to high quality performance surfaces. The SW Athletic area was reviewed and determined to be less suitable due to challenges of way finding, traffic, soils, site efficiencies and high wind exposure.

The selected site provides for a highly visible location, out of flood prone land, adequate space for track and field venues and reduced exposure to westerly winds.

Impact on Other Facilities and Square Footage: The project essentially involves a reallocation of land between Athletics and Recreation Services. Some site components will be relocated; others may be demolished if in deteriorated or unusable condition.

Financial Resources for Construction Project: Debt financing and private giving. Athletics intends to service the debt from revenues generated from private giving and discretionary revenues.

Financial Resources for Operations and Maintenance: Since the proposal involves a reallocation of land to support existing athletic activities, minimal operating and maintenance expenses are anticipated.

External Forces: None anticipated.

Map

