

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents

From: Board Office

Subject: Register of University of Northern Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transactions for Period of March 21, 2002, through April 17, 2002

Date: May 6, 2002

Recommended Action:

Approve the Register of Capital Improvement Business Transactions for the University of Northern Iowa.

Executive Summary:

Requested Approvals Architectural agreement with Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck, Des Moines, Iowa (\$1,903,200), to provide design services for the **McLeodUSA Center** and **Human Performance Center** projects (see page 2).

The **McLeodUSA Center** would construct a new arena for intercollegiate athletics; the **Human Performance Center** would construct a facility to house programs of the School of Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services and the Department of Athletics, and services of the Cedar Valley medical community.

With permission to proceed with the **Human Performance Center**, the University indicated its intent to proceed with the architectural selection process for the project in conjunction with the architectural selection for the **McLeodUSA Center**, with the goal of selecting the same architectural firm for both facilities.

Background and Analysis:

McLeodUSA Center and Human Performance Center

Project Summary

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Board Action</u>
<u>McLeodUSA Center</u> Permission to Proceed		Nov. 2001	Approved
<u>Human Performance Center</u> Permission to Proceed		Jan. 2002	Approved
<u>Both Projects</u> Architectural Agreement (Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck, Des Moines, IA)	\$1,903,200	May 2002	Requested

Background

The **McLeodUSA Center** project would construct an arena facility to provide a more appropriate venue in size, seating capacity, and acoustics, for certain intercollegiate athletic events currently held in the West Gym and the UNI-Dome.

- The arena would be designed with a minimum seating capacity of 5,000, which is more than twice the capacity of the West Gym.
- The facility would include a full-size collegiate basketball court, locker rooms and offices, concessions, restrooms, and other support areas.
- The estimated project cost is \$15 million, to be funded by private funds.

The **Human Performance Center** project would construct a facility to integrate the academic and outreach programs of the School of Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services (HPELS), the programs of the Department of Athletics, and services of the Cedar Valley medical community.

- The estimated 51,000 gross square foot facility would include offices and laboratories for the HPELS Athletic Training program, an athletic strength and training room, locker rooms, offices, meeting rooms and other spaces.
- The estimated project cost is \$7.5 million, to be funded by private funds and federal grant funds. (The University has received a federal grant for the project in the amount of \$1.8 million.)

Project Site The proposed location for both facilities is on the University's west campus near the UNI-Dome and the Wellness Recreation Center. (See Attachment A for map.)

The University plans to construct the **Human Performance Center** as an addition to the **McLeodUSA Center** or as a separate building located in the vicinity of the arena.

Design Services Expressions of interest to provide design services for the projects were received from 13 firms.

Five firms were selected for interviews with the University Architectural Selection Committee, in accordance with Board procedures for projects of \$1 million or more.

The University recommends the selection of Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck, Des Moines, Iowa, to provide design services for the project.

The firm was selected based on the strength of the design team, which will include specialized consultants in concession food service and acoustical design, its recent experience with sports-related facilities at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, and its successful history with projects at the Regent institutions.

The architectural agreement with Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck would provide full design services for a fee of \$1,903,200, including reimbursables.

Included in the University's capital register for Board ratification are two projects under \$250,000, one amendment approved by the University, two construction contracts awarded by the Executive Director, and the acceptance of two completed construction contracts. These items are listed in the register prepared by the University, which is included in the Regent Exhibit Book.


Sheila Lodge

Approved: 
Gregory S. Nichols