



UC2B Policy Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 16, 2011

Location:

City of Champaign Council Chambers
102 N. Neil, Champaign, Illinois

Committee Members Present: Abdul Alkalimat, Rev. Zernial Bogan, Craig Shonkwiler as proxy for Brandon Bowersox, Mike DeLorenzo, Deborah Frank Feinen, Fred Halenar, Minor Jackson, Pete Resnick, and Richard Schnuer

Committee Members Absent: none

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Committee Chair Feinen.

Approve Agenda: Committee Member Halenar, seconded by Committee Member Alkalimat, moved to approve the agenda. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Approve Minutes: There were no minutes to approve.

Action Items:

A. Grant Required Approvals: No action taken.

B. Approvals of Items Forwarded from Technical Committee and its Subcommittees: No action taken.

C. Amendments Proposed to By-Laws: No action taken.

Discussion Items:

A. Review of Fred Stavins Memo on types of Organizations: Champaign City Attorney Fred Stavins briefly outlined his memo regarding the different organizational structures available to UC2B. He recommended that the actual business plan should dictate the organizational structure the committee seeks. Attorneys from the University of Illinois and the City of Urbana were not present at the meeting; however Fred Stavins said that the attorneys from all three entities would discuss in general terms the possible legal structures the following day. The Committee discussed with Attorney Fred Stavins several possible models, including the landfill in Urbana that was operated under an agreement among University of Illinois, City of Urbana, and City of Champaign similar to UC2B. UC2B is currently operating under a Lead Agency model with the

University as the de facto Lead Agency because the Policy Committee has not appointed one. Since the University may not be interested in remaining in the intergovernmental entity on a long term basis, Lead Agency status would ultimately shift to one of the Cities when they become responsible for next phases of the project.

B. Subcommittee report regarding minority and local workforce issues: Committee Member Alkalimat (Chair of Subcommittee meeting as a Committee of the Whole) presented a motion that the UC2B Policy Committee adopt a policy for Diversity in Contracts and Hiring as recommended by the subcommittee. Committee Member Bogan seconded the motion. The recommended policy is attached to these minutes.

Committee Chair Feinen asked Fred Coleman and Brittney Echols of the University of Illinois to discuss the University's Minority and Female Business Enterprise (MAFBE) process. Fred explained how the MAFBE process works. The University has prequalification requirements for prime contractors (bidders). During the pre-bid meeting and in the bids, prime bidders must list MAFBE subcontractors on their bid sheets. Mr. Coleman reviews the bid of the lowest-cost responsible bidder to ensure that the firm has made a good faith effort to meet the University's goal of a minimum 15% MAFBE contracts. If not, the bid can be rejected. Also, if a prime bidder does not employ union employees, it has to sign a labor agreement with the University.

The Committee discussed the advantages of the recommended policy as compared to the University's current practices concerning MAFBE. The Committee also discussed Item #4 on the proposed policy, with several members stating they would like to have more discussion regarding that aspect of the motion. Committee Member Schnuer made a friendly amendment to the motion on the floor as follows: Adopt the resolution as Items #1-3 excluding item #4 which can be discussed at a future meeting. Committee Members Alkalimat and Bogan accepted that amendment.

The Committee members further discussed the ramifications of the policy. Fred Coleman and Brittney Echols raised some concerns regarding the proposed policies. Some Committee members discussed needing more legal review before considering adoption of the motion.

Audience members, Rev. Eugene Barnes, Rev. Troy Burke, Todd Rent, Carol Lewis and Connie Dillard-Myers addressed the committee separately and each asked members of the Policy Committee to pass this policy today in some form. They each expressed the idea that it is important to support the underserved areas, which was a key objective of UC2B grant. Each speaker stated that policies can be changed and refined, but this is a good starting point and should be approved. Robert Dodd, an attorney who has been asked to assist in developing a contracting policy for UC2B, offered several different options from a legal perspective that the Committee considered. Following further discussion, the Committee adopted the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Chair Deb Frank Feinen stated that she will place Item 4 of the recommended policy on the agenda for the Committee's April 6th meeting. Fred Stavins will review this

item with the attorney's from the University of Illinois and City of Urbana and report their input to Committee Chair Feinen prior to the April 6th meeting.

C. Annual Report – Committee Member Schnuer made a motion to approve the Annual Report which is already on file. Committee Member Alkalimat seconded. Committee approved unanimously through voice vote.

D. Discussion of Timeline – no action.

E. Technology Committee Report – no action.

Adjournment: Committee Chair Feinen adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m. Next meeting will be April 6, 2011 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 102 N. Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820