

The Board of Trustees of the University of Central Arkansas convened in a called teleconference meeting at 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 5, with the following officers and members present:

Chair:	Dr. Harold Chakales
Secretary:	Mr. Bobby Reynolds
	Mr. Victor Green
	Mr. Rush Harding, III
	Mrs. Kay Hinkle

Mr. Scott Roussel and Mr. Randy Sims were absent

ACTION AGENDA

Purchase of Computer Hardware – Pursuant to Board Policy No. 416, “Contract Review Procedure,” the administration must seek Board approval for all contracts in excess of \$250,000. The University has issued an Invitation for Competitive Sealed Bids seeking proposals from vendors for the purchase of the computer hardware for use by Information Technology. The low bid resulted in a proposed purchase price of \$693,010.00 from Fidelity Information Systems. The administration seeks authorization from the Board to proceed with this purchase.

By way of background, the University needs to upgrade its existing IBM computer hardware by adding servers and storage to increase processing speed and power. An upgrade has not been performed for five years. The total cost, including a three-year maintenance agreement, equals \$693,010 plus taxes (\$22,900 for installation and \$670,110 for hardware). The vendor was selected through a sealed, competitive bid process. The purchase, if approved, will be funded with bond funds that must be spent by May 25, 2010 and installation will be completed by May 14, 2010.

UCA currently uses an IBM AIX operating system on a UNIX platform to run the existing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System, Banner. An upgrade to the new Banner 8 system required by Sunguard was completed in March, 2010. In addition, next year UCA will be required to upgrade the database operating system to Oracle 11g. The new version of Oracle will require more robust hardware to run the system at an appropriate performance level. It is believed that this upgrade will handle the ERP system for the next five years.

The Invitation for Competitive Sealed Bid was issued on February 25, 2010. The bid required servers and storage that would integrate into UCA’s existing administrative computing environment. UCA received bids from Fidelity Information Systems of Little Rock and CDW-Government, LLC of Illinois. Two other vendors, Gov Connection and Complete Computing, chose not to bid. The bids were opened on March 11, 2010. Fidelity’s bid of \$693,010 was lower than CDW-Government’s bid of \$693,795.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion by Victor Green with a second by Rush Harding:

“BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees authorizes the administration to enter into a contract with Fidelity Information Systems for the purchase and installation of computer hardware at a cost not to exceed \$693,010.00 plus any applicable taxes and to execute any and all necessary agreements and forms to carry out this purchase.”

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Kay Hinkle with a second by Bobby Reynolds.

**The University of Central
Arkansas Board of Trustees**

**Harold Chakales
Chair**

**Bobby Reynolds
Secretary**