

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.14. LAKESHORE CAMPUS URBAN FARM CENTER - FIRE PROTECTION

Lead Staff: Kevin Appleton, Vice President of Business Services and Finance

Funding Source: FY24 surplus and Foundation

Funding Request: \$133,835.90

Bids			Amount
FIRE PROTECTION	BEP%	ALTERNATE VALUE	BASE BID VALUE
Nelson Fire Protection Co.	30%	\$17,050.00	\$104,619.00
United States Alliance Fire Protection, Inc.	0%	\$21,400.00	\$116,850.00

Explanation of Purchase: This contract is for the fire protection package for the construction of the Lakeshore Campus Urban Farm Center, which was publicly bid on March 14, 2025.

Per 30 ILCS 575/4, "All State contract solicitations that include Business Enterprise Program participation goals shall require bidders or offerors to include utilization plans. Utilization plans are due at the time of bid or offer submission. Failure to complete and include a utilization plan, including documentation demonstrating good faith efforts when requesting a waiver, shall render the bid or offer non-responsive." Failure to provide adequate BEP documentation can result in a vendor being deemed non responsive.

Recommendation: Approve a contract with Nelson Fire Protection Co. of Machesney Park, IL for \$121,669.00 with a 10% contingency of \$12,166.90 in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$133,835.90.