

RFI for Organizational and Operational Efficiency

The Office of the President, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University System (University) is issuing a Request for Information (RFI), seeking ideas and recommendations on cost savings regarding Organizational and Operational Efficiencies. This is a Request for Information (RFI) only. As a result of this RFI, the University may subsequently develop a Request for Proposal (RFP). The issuance of this RFI does not commit the University to any procurement of goods or services of any kind.

Background/Overview of the Southern Illinois University System

Chartered in 1869, Southern Illinois University, first known as Southern Illinois Normal University, opened its doors for instruction in Carbondale in 1874 in a one-building teacher training institution. In 1947, the name was changed to Southern Illinois University, reflecting the institution's expanding academic mission.

The two institutions that constitute Southern Illinois University today - Southern Illinois University Carbondale, with a School of Medicine in Springfield and partnership in the University Center of Lake County, and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, with a School of Dental Medicine in Alton and a Center in East St. Louis - reach not only from the Shawnee National Forest to the bluffs of the Mississippi River, but also through the flatlands of central Illinois to the shores of Lake Michigan.

With a total budget of approximately \$897 million, the University employs more than 7,500 faculty, staff, and administrators who serve nearly 32,000 students. A modern and comprehensive post-secondary educational system, SIU offers a broad range of academic programs that lead to associate, baccalaureate, master's, specialist's, and doctoral and professional practice degrees in 32 fields including law, medicine, pharmacy, and dental medicine.

Scope of Work/Project Description

This RFI project will consist of the preparation of a master plan, identifying which organizational and operational processes and systems could be consolidated (between the 3 SIU campuses) to capture cost savings and efficiencies. Please feel free to share past experiences/success stories with this type of consolidation.

The specific processes and systems should include, but are not limited to the following:

- Human Resources; including but not limited to Equal Opportunity, Access & Title IX coordination.
- Informational technology; including but not limited to web hosting and design, internet access, email systems, software purchase & usage and WiFi access.
- Student Recruiting, Marketing, Public relations and Advertising.
- Internal Audit.
- Finance & Accounting; including but not limited to payroll and benefit systems.
- Facility Management.
- Procurement.