



July 11, 2006

Re: New Engineering Building, UW-Platteville Campus, Platteville, WI
DSF Project #0411D

The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of State Facilities, has retained Ayres Associates to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed construction of a new Engineering Building on the UW-Platteville campus in Platteville, Wisconsin. The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wisconsin Statutes 1.11, and University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) guidelines. An initial requirement of the EIS is the scoping process. The intent of the scoping process is to identify at an early stage any potential impact of the project on the physical, biological, social, and economic environments. Because you or your agency or department may have an interest in the project, we are inviting you to participate in the scoping process and future review process. If you would like to be removed from the list of potentially interested parties for this project, please indicate your choice on the attached form.

A Scoping Meeting detailing the proposed action and process outlined below will be held at Room 140, Ottensman Hall on the UW Platteville Campus at 5:30 p.m. on July 26, 2006.

Proposed Project Action

The New Engineering Building project constructs a 108,500 GSF academic building on the outdoor athletic track site, which is located at the southwest corner of the UW-Platteville campus in Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 1 West, immediately west of the intersection of Longhorn Drive and Southwest Road and adjacent to the new residence hall that is currently under construction. The proposed building consists of classrooms, laboratories, offices for faculty and staff, and dedicated laboratory space for large-scale design projects. The new building will support growth in the College of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science (EMS) and technology-based programs in the College of Business, Industry, Life Sciences, and Agriculture (BILSA). Electrical Engineering and Engineering Physics programs will relocate from Ottensman Hall to the new building, which will also support new emphases of Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS) and Bio-Medical Engineering (BME).

Steam, electrical, and data/telecommunications will be extended to the New Engineering Building under a separate project. Municipal water, sanitary sewer, and natural gas lines will be extended as part of this project. The building will be served by a central HVAC system supplied with steam from the campus steam distribution system and a stand-alone chiller and emergency generator. In addition, a plan for a stormwater management system will need to be developed and implemented to handle site and roof runoff. Sustainability features will be incorporated where feasible.

Site work includes 12 parking stalls for staff and service vehicles plus required ADA accessible stalls, access drives for building service, sidewalks, and visual screening of any at-grade mechanical equipment and dumpster area(s). A campus map with area of future development is included as Figure 1.

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EIS Schedule

Ayres Associates, on behalf of the University of Wisconsin System (UWS) will prepare the EIS. The EIS process will provide opportunities for public review and comment. Following is the tentative EIS schedule:

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| Scoping Meeting | July 26, 2006 |
| Draft EIS | Mid-August 2006 |
| DEIS Public Meeting | September 2006 |
| Final EIS | October 2006 |
| FEIS Public Meeting | December 2006 |
| Record of Decision | December 2006 |

If you are interested in this project or have any information relevant to it, we welcome your comments, suggestions, or other input. Please submit your comments in writing by July 26, 2006, to:

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If we receive no comments from you or your agency, we will assume that there are no project issues that negatively impact your group. We will consider your comments while preparing the draft EIS, and you will be given additional opportunities to comment on this document during future public review periods. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please contact me at (608) 443-1289.

Sincerely,

Ayres Associates Inc

Ben Peotter, PE
Environmental Engineer

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Enclosure

RESPONSE FORM

Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Process
UW-Platteville New Engineering Building Project
Platteville, Wisconsin

I have the following comments regarding this project and items to be considered as part of the scoping process:

[Please write comment here. Attach additional pages if necessary.]

Please complete the following information and sign if submitting comments:

Name: _____

Title/Representing: _____

Address:

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail address (optional): _____

Signature: _____

- I am interested in continuing my involvement in the public participation components of this project. Please continue to send me project notices.
- I am NOT interested in continuing my involvement in the public participation of this project. Please do NOT continue to send me project notices.

Please return this form by July 25, 2006, to: **Ben Peotter, PE**
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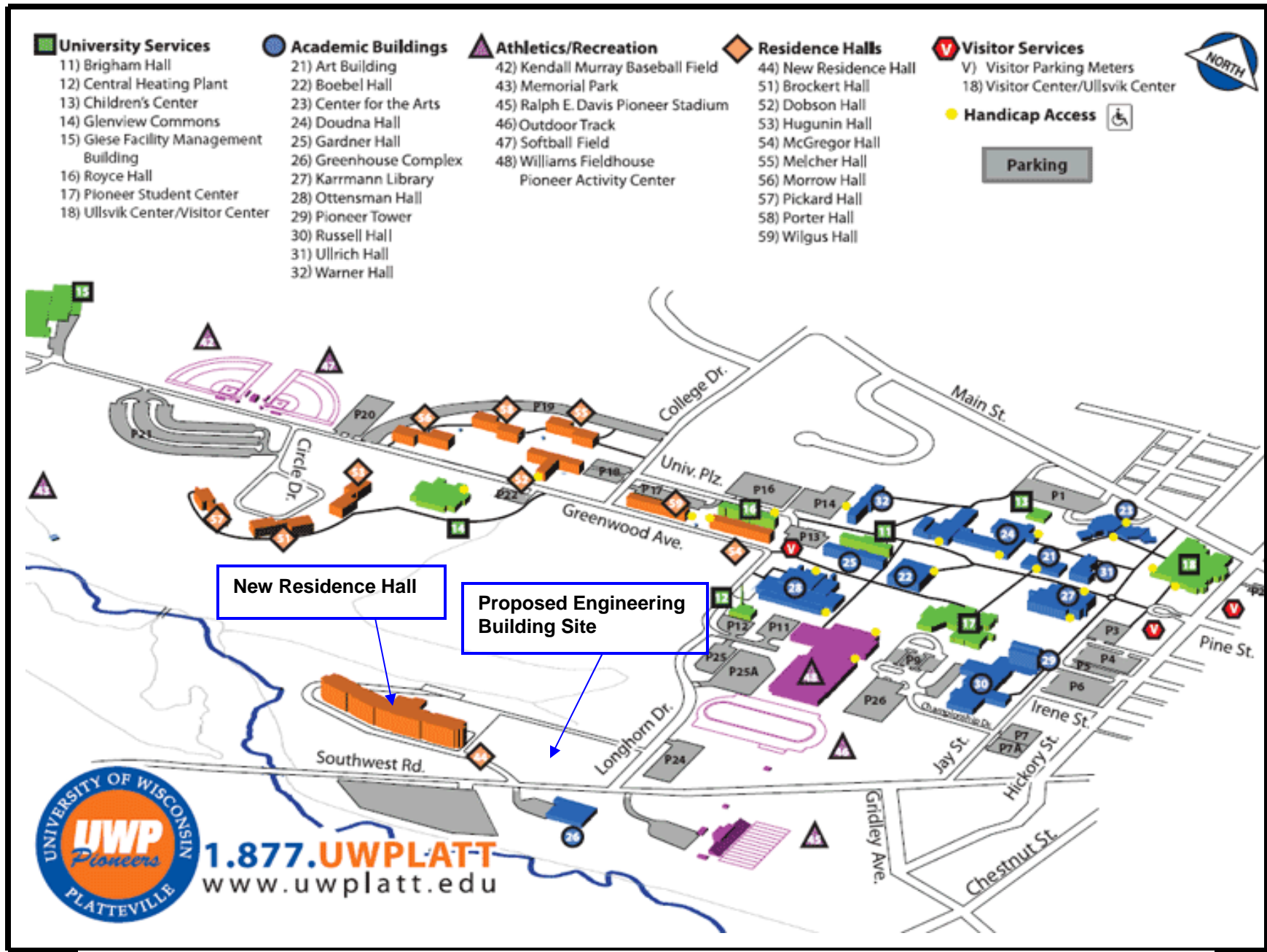


Figure 1