Innovation Campus consultants sought

UNL has issued two Requests for Proposals to select consultants who will help the campus define a Master Plan and a Business Development Strategy for Innovation Campus.

UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman said the process involves two phases.

“This first phase is focused on planning,” Perlman said. “This phase will allow us to fully understand the opportunities and challenges of developing State Fair Park into an Innovation Campus. Following completion of Phase 1, we will then be better prepared to pursue Phase 2, to seek a development partner in January 2010, when we obtain the property. We remain very optimistic that this project will transform the university and contribute significantly to the economy of Nebraska.”

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Wedin to open water lecture series Jan. 14

UNL’s annual spring semester water and natural resource seminars will feature local, national and international experts addressing topics from dryland agricultural conservation to what’s really contained in floodwaters.

The 14-lecture series begins Jan. 14 and concludes April 22. But one of the free public lectures will be in the first floor auditorium of Hardin Hall. Weekly lectures are Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., except March 18.

“Teaching those people to value and apply conservation to what’s really contained in floodwaters is indeed one of the most rewarding things we do. These seminars will expose you to speakers from across the state,” said UNL ecosystem ecologist Dave Wedin begins the series Jan. 14 with an in-depth look at root zone depths and soil moisture depletions in the Nebraska Sandhills.

After they are presented, lectures will be available online at watercenter.unl.edu.

For more information, contact the UNL Water Center at 472-3305.

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they’re programming, they’re hands-on.”

Targeted at students in grades 5-9, the 4-H Robotics and Geospatial Project is built on a 40-hour summer camp experience that features hands-on activities that teach principles of robotics and geospatial technologies in promoting learning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

During the summer camps, participants go back to their 4-H clubs and after-school programs for monthly meetings to build on what they learn. Then, in year two, they attend an advanced summer camp, followed by eight more months of activities in their home communities.

During the summer of 2007, the project was piloted with two camps, followed by formation of several pilot clubs. During summer 2008, 50 youths attended six camps, and 13 clubs will meet during the 2008-09 school year. This new five-year grant expands the curriculum’s reach, first in the North Central Region, then nationally.

This type of technology is exciting enough that once you get people at any age working with it, they want to learn more,” said Viacheslav Adamchuk, associate professor in biological systems engineering and the project’s other principal investigator.

Research results from the pilot camps show the program works.

Students who participated in the five-day camp last summer showed a 30 percent increase in science, technology, engineering and math learning. Also, their attitudes toward those disciplines improved from 3.88 to 4.10 on a five-point scale.

Barker said plans are to build a new, affordable educational robot-ics kit with an integrated GPS chip receiver for the national project. Bing Chen, professor of computer and electronic engineering, and his team will lead the development of the new robotics platform based on work he’s done in his classroom.

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infrastructure issues, and propose ways to develop the site over phases. The business development plan will build up the master planning services to include business models on construction, financing or ownership of facilities with leasing potentials and management approaches, shared services and amenities, phasing, marketing and market analyses.

“Throughout our RFP process and consultations with responders, this approach surfaced as a much more reasonable, effective approach,” Nunez said. “We’ve focused our efforts, refined our approach to separate real estate, business development and paying for the project. The short-term effort that we are putting into Phase 1 planning at this stage will pay off immediately when the property transfers to the university in January 2010.”

Final plans for Nebraska Innovation Campus are expected to be completed by December 2009. For more information, go to http://purchasing.unl.edu/bids/bidop.shtml.