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A.C.A. 19-4-1415 Project Transmittal Form

To: Bureau of Legislative Research
Room 315, State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Attn: Katie Walden
Legislative State Budget Expert

Date: October 1, 2026

From:
University of Arkansas System Office
2404 North University Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Institution: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Institution Contact: Mike Oestereiker
Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities

Project Name: **The Ross and Mary Whipple Forest Education Center**

Project Description:
The Ross and Mary Whipple Family Forest Education Center is envisioned to house a permanent exhibition highlighting Arkansas forests and provide gathering space for up to 200 people. Equipped with advanced audiovisual technology, the facility will support workshops, lectures, conferences, education programs and community events.
The building will also include the necessary support spaces to accommodate large gatherings and enhance the visitors experience.

Project Square Footage: 5,0000 GSF

Procurement Method: RFQ as authorized by A.C.A. 19-4-1415

Contractor: **Nabholz**

Number of Proposals Reviewed: Two

Number of Contractors Interviewed: Two

Design Professional: Modus Studio

Estimated Completion Date: December, 2029

Total Project Cost: **$** **5,100,000.00**

Funding Sources (%):

50%	Private Gifts
28%	University Funds
22%	ANCRC Grant

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To: Bureau of Legislative Research
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Attn: Katie Walden
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Date: October 12, 2026

From: University of Arkansas System Office
2404 North University Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Institution: University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Institution Contact: Leslie Hutchins, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management

Project Name: University Services Building Renovation and University Plaza Demolition

Project Description: Renovation of the University Services Building to create a new Campus Police Headquarters, including exterior and interior improvements, HVAC system replacement, electrical upgrades, and associated work. The project also includes the demolition of the University Plaza building and site improvements to create usable green space until future development occurs.

Project Square Footage: 14,400 SF plus demolition/rehabilitation of 205,000 SF

Procurement Method: RFQ as authorized by A.C.A. 19-4-1415

Contractor: Clark Construction

Number of Proposals Reviewed: 9

Number of Contractors Interviewed: 3

Design Professional: Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects

Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 2028

Total Project Cost: $8,114,000

Funding Sources (%):

100%	University Reserves

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Office of the President

September 25, 2026

TO: Dr. Christina Drale, Chancellor
University of Arkansas at Little Rock

FROM: Jay B. Silveria, President JBS

SUBJECT: Selection of a General Contractor for the Speech Building Renovation and University Plaza Demolition Project, UALR

At its meeting in Fayetteville on September 17-18, 2026, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas approved the following resolution:

> BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the University of Arkansas at Little Rock is authorized to select Clark Contractors as the General Contractor for the Speech Building Renovation and University Plaza Demolition Project.

You may proceed to implement this action.