

F Y 0 8 - F Y 0 9 R E S E A R C H A G E N D A

1. Understand Critical Issues in the Natural and Built Environment

Topic: Pollution and Effects on People

Action: Under the leadership of Dr. Richard Brugam and Dr. Luci Kohn, reconstitute the FY07 Lead Contamination Team, provide financial support for FY08, and assist this team in securing external funding for additional work on lead contamination.

Topic: Land Reuse and Brownfields

Action: Under the leadership of Dr. Nicholas Guehlstorf, create an interdisciplinary research team, provide FY08-FY09 financial support for that team for the first year, and help the team secure external funding that will continue its work in subsequent fiscal year(s).

Topic: Smart Growth and Sustainable Development

Action: to be announced

2. Understand Key Matters facing Local Government

Topic: Economic Development

Action: Continue to work with the University's Economic Development Task Force, chaired by Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Jim Pennekamp.

Topic: Tax Revenue

Action: Conduct funded study of the impact of Land Value Taxation on property tax revenues, using East St. Louis as a demonstration area.

3. Build Databases on Issues Important to Urban Research

Action: Support Dr. Denise DeGarmo's work to interview retired defense workers in the region

Action: Support Dr. Jeremy Jewell's work to gather data on children in the local court system

Action: Support Dr. Howard Rambsy's work to gather data on the Metrolink corridor

Action: Support Dr. Carl Bentelspacher and Dr. Lori Campbell's work to gather data on life choices among certain urban populations

Action: Join the St. Louis Neighborhood Consortium, and track a defined data set for selected Metro East communities

Action: Publish *St. Louis Currents* to gather data and analysis on critical topics facing the St. Louis bi-state region

F Y 0 8 - F Y 0 9 O P E R A T I O N A L A G E N D A

1. To support ongoing research efforts of the faculty and academic units of SIUE.

Action: Identify ways to work with Schools and Departments within SIUE to fulfill contractual obligations and grants

Action: Establish and maintain the Urban Research Scholar program to fund faculty research and Institute initiatives

2. To pursue entrepreneurial activity by being a resource for local government and community institutions

Action: Identify community partners in need of IUR services and respond to advertised RFPs

Action: Develop, update, and/or maintain cost and bid structure for the IUR

Action: Build a team of internal and external members that enhances IUR capacity to respond to specific client needs

3. To pursue external funding sources to advance the work of the IUR's research agenda.

Action: To seek foundation support and funded research opportunities that advance the work of the IUR as well as the funding institution.

Action: To support faculty members, working under the auspices of the IUR, to pursue external (and some internal) funding opportunities.

4. To increase the visibility of the IUR on campus and in the bi-state region

Action: Work with Facilities Management to improve office signage

Action: Work with OIT to revamp the IUR website

Action: Send representation to internal and external conferences, committees, and initiatives

5. To fulfill all fiscal and personnel obligations as a unit of the Graduate School