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U of L seeks proposals for moving graduate business programs

Museum Plaza, Iron Quarter among possible sites

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The University of Louisville College of Business is continuing to travel the road that eventually might bring its graduate school programs downtown, and school officials say they see several potential destinations on the horizon.

U of L issued a request for proposals on Monday, July 23, seeking 30,000 square feet that it would lease in or near the central business district to house the graduate programs currently held on the university's Belknap Campus.

One requirement in the RFP is that the site must be within walking distance to the central business district.

Responses to the RFP are due by Aug. 13, and university officials will make a decision soon after all proposals are considered, according to business school Dean Charles Moyer.

But Moyer said he has narrowed his choices primarily to three downtown locations, all in the Main Street corridor.

One possible site is within the $465 million Museum Plaza complex, which is planned for the block bounded by West Main Street, River Road and Sixth and Seventh streets.

Another site is in the $50 million Iron Quarter district proposed for East Main Street.

The third site is at another Main Street development that hasn't been announced. Moyer declined to disclose the exact location or developers for the third project but said it would include new commercial space on Main Street.

He added that if U of L enters into a lease arrangement at any of the sites, it likely would be converted later to a purchase agreement.

"I really like the Main Street locations," said Moyer, who has been searching for more than two years for a downtown home for the business school's graduate programs.

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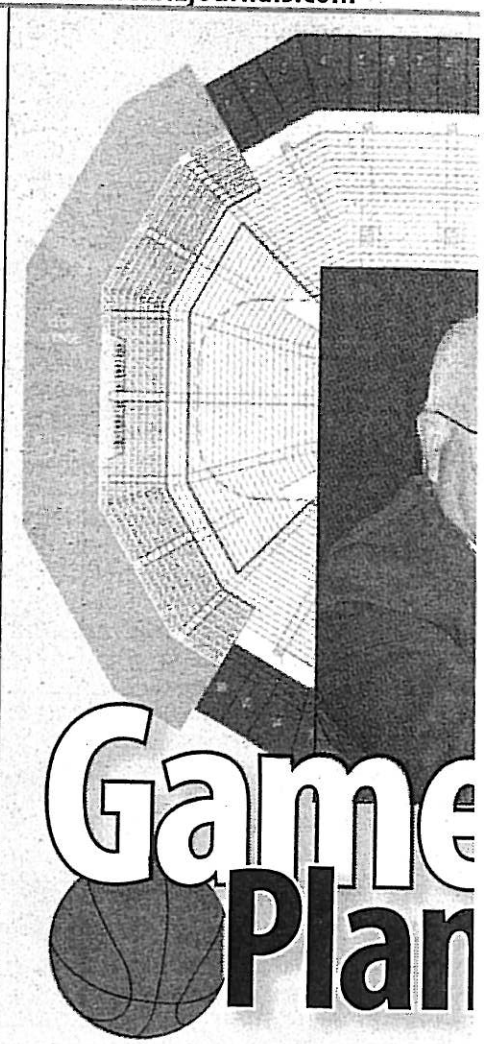

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