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U of I plans public forums on president search

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URBANA -- The University of Illinois plans to hold public forums on its three campuses in December to seek input on the search for a new president.

The university says the committee is starting to build a pool of applicants. Forums will be held Dec. 2 at the Chicago campus, Dec. 3 at the flagship campus in Urbana-Champaign, and Dec. 8 in Springfield.

The university wants to hire a replacement for outgoing President B. Joseph White by July 2010.

White plans to leave his job next month. He turned in his resignation after news reports and a state examination revealed that politically connected applicants were admitted to the Urbana-Champaign over better-qualified applicants.

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