

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Received by the Regents  
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ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Outlay Submission  
All Campuses

Background:

In December 2008, the University of Michigan submitted to the State of Michigan the capital outlay request and five-year master plan for the Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint campuses for the 2010 fiscal year. The master plan includes information on the university's mission, instructional programming, staffing and enrollment data, facility condition assessment, master planning, and major projects anticipated over the next five years. Each year, the university has the opportunity to update information and amend the plan as needs and priorities change. Any project accepted by the State for funding requires an action request approved by the Board of Regents.

As part of the capital outlay request, the Ann Arbor campus submitted one project, for the renovation and addition to the G. G. Brown Laboratory Building for the Department of Mechanical Engineering, estimated to cost \$110 million. This project aligns with our increased research activity in bio- and nano-technologies, and our focus on efforts in the economic development and technology transfer arena in order to further support the state's economy. The Mechanical Engineering Department is consistently ranked in the top five undergraduate and graduate programs nationally in a field strategically important for revitalizing the state's economy. G.G. Brown is in need of infrastructure upgrades, and an expansion will allow the department to remain competitive with peer institutions, continue to provide top-notch engineering talent, support manufacturing and industry in the state, and conduct research in important fields such as energy and nanotechnology.

The Dearborn Campus submitted one project that includes the renovation of the Science Building and the Computer Science Building with their shared infrastructure. Both buildings are original to the 1959 campus construction. The Science Building is in need of complete rehabilitation for the steadily growing Department of Natural Sciences that will allow new research technology and instruction methods to continue collaboration with the College of Engineering in the emerging nano-science area. The Computer Science Building was constructed for use as an administrative and faculty office building and now houses the Computer Information Science department. A renovation is planned that will allow students to pursue advanced research in computer science laboratories and classrooms. The estimated cost of this project is \$41 million.

The Flint Campus submitted one project, the renovation of laboratories and classrooms in the Murchie Science Laboratory Building, estimated to cost \$22 million. This project includes upgrading the facility and creating a science education building to better prepare K-12 science teachers, excite younger students about science programs, and better prepare our students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Over the years, the State has made significant and strategic investments through the capital outlay program at all three University of Michigan campuses. State support through its capital outlay programs has been crucial to our efforts in providing an exemplary learning, teaching, and research environment, and we look forward to future opportunities to partner with the State.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy P. Slottow", written over a horizontal line.

Timothy P. Slottow  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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