

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Received by the Regents
January 21, 2010

Subject: Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Outlay Submission
All Campuses

Background:

In December 2009, 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 2011 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.

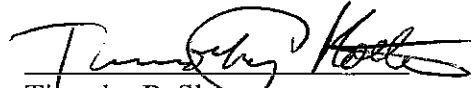
As part of the capital outlay request, the Ann Arbor campus submitted one project, for the renovation of the G. G. Brown Laboratory Building for the Department of Mechanical Engineering, estimated to cost \$64 million. This project aligns with our increased research activity in bio- and nano-technologies, 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 to 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. In June 2009, the Board of Regents approved the budget and appointment of the architect for the addition to the building that was included in last year's capital outlay request. This request for the 2011 fiscal year has been revised accordingly to address only the renovation of the existing building.

The Dearborn Campus submitted one project that includes the renovation of the Science Building and the Computer Science Building, both original to the 1959 campus and that share building infrastructure. 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 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 \$51 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 of Michigan has made significant and strategic investments through the capital outlay program at all three University of Michigan campuses. 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 of Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy P. Slotow
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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