THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Crisler Arena Expansion

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

Built in 1967, Crisler Arena is a multi-purpose venue used for academic, athletic, and entertainment events. In October 2010, the Board of Regents approved a renovation of the arena’s core infrastructure and replacement of spectator seating, with a seating capacity of approximately 12,800. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics now proposes to further renovate and expand Crisler Arena. New construction of approximately 63,000 gross square feet will create new spectator entrances, retail spaces, ticketing areas and a private club space. Renovation of approximately 54,000 gross square feet will improve Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility, circulation and egress in the concourse, increase the number of restrooms and concession areas, and add other fan amenities. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. We will return with information on the impact on parking when we seek approval of schematic design.

The estimated cost of the project is $52,000,000. Funding will be provided from Athletic Department resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of TMP Architecture, in association with Sink Combs Dethlefs will design the project. Design is scheduled to begin immediately, and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Crisler Arena Expansion project as described and authorize commissioning TMP Architecture along with Sink Combs Dethlefs for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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