Subject: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building
Solid State Electronics Lab Addition and Renovation Project

Action Requested: Authorization to Issue the Project for Bids and Award Construction Contracts

Background:

In November 2004 the Regents approved the schematic design for the Solid State Electronics Lab Addition and Renovation project. We propose the project be bid in phases in order to compress the overall project design and construction schedule. The early phases of the project will include site preparation, excavation, and earth retention and subsequent phases will allow the completion of the project.

A 37,000 gross square foot addition is planned. The addition will have three floors and consist of approximately 17,000 net square feet of space housing a clean room, chemical storage and support space for the College of Engineering. The project also includes a 4,700 gross square foot renovation of the existing lab to house a wet lab, new entry, and support space. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $28,000,000. Funding will be provided from College of Engineering resources and gifts. 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 Regents. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Winter 2007.

We recommend the Regents authorize issuing the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building, Solid State Electronics Lab Addition and Renovation project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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