Subject: Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Building
Research Laboratories for Civil and Environmental Engineering

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Building (EWRE) houses laboratories, classrooms, and offices for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the College of Engineering. The college proposes to update research laboratory space on the ground floor of EWRE. A renovation of approximately 8,300 gross square feet will reconfigure an existing student laboratory area, which has been relocated, to create three new research laboratories for faculty and students. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $1,200,000. Funding will be provided from College of Engineering 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 Regents. The University of Michigan Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2009.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Building Research Laboratories for Civil and Environmental Engineering project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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