Subject: University of Michigan-Dearborn Engineering Laboratory Building Expansion for Bioengineering

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

In response to the steady growth in the undergraduate bioengineering program, the University of Michigan-Dearborn proposes a renovation of approximately 3,400 gross square feet of shop space in the Engineering Laboratory Building to create a bioengineering teaching laboratory along with spaces for research and student projects. Existing labs will be updated into a tissue culture lab, microscopy lab, and an equipment area. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. Although there will be a temporary loss of some adjacent parking spaces during construction, there will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $1,720,000. Funding will be provided from University of Michigan-Dearborn resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or 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 Integrated Design Solutions will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 13 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2014.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University of Michigan-Dearborn Engineering Laboratory Building Expansion for Bioengineering 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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