

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Class Project Agreement between the University of Michigan and Michigan Critical Care Consultants, Inc.

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects while reviewing the Proposal Approval Form which then triggered a review by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed and approved by the Board and agreed to by the parties involved.

This proposed agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professor Robert Bartlett is an employee of the University of Michigan ("University"), and a partial owner of Michigan Critical Care Consultants, Inc. ("MC3, Inc.") The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the Board of Regents ("Regents") of the University of Michigan and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote.

Background:

Dr. Robert Bartlett, a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Surgery, is a partial owner of a for-profit company called MC3, Inc. (the Company"). The Company wishes to fund a student design project entitled: "MC3 – BME 451 Design Course" (ORSP# 17-PAF02859) in the Department of Biomedical Engineering under the direction of Dr. Rachael Schmedlen. The purpose of this project is to develop a disposable sterile-water heating-cooling device for use in extracorporeal membrane oxygenation.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The period of performance for the project is approximately six (6) months. The amount of funding support will not exceed \$2,500. Since research projects are often amended, this agreement includes a provision for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

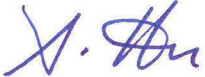
Impact of the Agreement

The Agreement will support an effort by Dr. Schmedlen to use her expertise and University laboratories, as well as other University resources, to offer the student an opportunity to design, improve, research, develop, and market products and processes to meet their personal and curriculum goals by completing the design project.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University's entering into this Agreement with Michigan Critical Care Consultants, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,



S. Jack Hu  
Vice President for Research

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