

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Approved by the Regents  
March 15, 2012

REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Research Agreement between the University of Michigan and Evigia Systems, Inc.

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Research Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office for Research Sponsored Projects while reviewing the Proposal Approval Form which then triggered a review by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. The Committee concluded that the proposed agreement presents minimal risk and approved it with disclosure as sufficient management.

This proposed agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professors Khalil Najafi and Kensall Wise are both employees of the University of Michigan ("University") and are both Scientific Advisors and Dr. Wise is a stockholder of Evigia Systems, Inc. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the executive officers and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote of the Regents of the University of Michigan.

Background:

Dr. Najafi, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering and Dr. Wise, Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering, are both Scientific Advisors and Dr. Wise is a stockholder of Evigia Systems, Inc. (the "Company"). The Company was formed recently to commercialize integrated sensor and ASIC technologies with the aim of improving the functionality and lowering the cost of wireless and sensing products and now desires to support research at the University of Michigan related to that technology.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the proposed Agreement conform to University policy. Dr. Michael Flynn, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering, will direct the project over an initial two-year period at an estimated cost of \$99,954. Since research projects are often amended, these agreements include provisions for changes in time, amount, and scope of each supported project. University procedures for approval of the terms and conditions governing this work will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Impact of the Agreement:

This Agreement for the research proposed shows significant potential for developments relating to the improvement in the performance and cost of asset-management supply chains.

Recommendation:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. In light of the disclosures made in this document and our finding that the Agreement will be negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve of the University's entering into this Agreement with Evigia Systems, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Forrest", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen R. Forrest  
Vice President for Research

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