Subject: George Granger Brown Memorial Laboratories Renovation

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

Background:

At the July 2013 meeting the Board of Regents approved the schematic design for the George Granger Brown Memorial Laboratories Renovation project. The approximately 220,000-gross-square-foot George Granger Brown Memorial Laboratories building was constructed in 1958 and houses the chemical, civil, materials sciences, and mechanical engineering departments. The project will upgrade the entire building's fire detection, alarm and emergency power systems. Throughout the majority of the building, there will be a deep infrastructural renewal updating heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, roof, windows, and interior finishes. The renovation will also create approximately 25,000 square feet of state-of-the-art academic and instructional spaces. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements.

The estimated cost of the project is $47,000,000. This project is part of the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Outlay Request to the State of Michigan. Construction was authorized by the State legislature in Public Act 192 of 2012. The State of Michigan will fund $30,000,000 of the project and the university will fund the balance with investment proceeds, College of Engineering resources, and Office of the Provost 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 project is expected to provide an average of 67 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2016.

We recommend that the Board of Regents authorize issuing the George Granger Brown Memorial Laboratories Renovation project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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