

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan-Flint
FirstMerit North Building Operational Separation

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project


Background:

In October 2015, the Board of Regents authorized the purchase of the FirstMerit North Building located at 328 South Saginaw Street in Flint, Michigan. The purchase agreement requires the university to separate the utilities and to provide operational separation from the other buildings in the complex. The construction work will be performed for the North Building after closing when the university owns the property. The project includes installation of a new boiler and connection to the existing heating distribution system, a new emergency generator, construction of a dedicated egress stairway and fire command center to satisfy life safety code, and a new security system. The scope of this project includes the architectural, electrical, and mechanical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

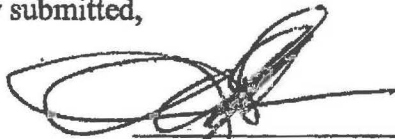
The estimated cost of the project is \$2,500,000. Funding will be provided from University of Michigan-Flint resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of Harley Ellis Devereaux will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 10 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University of Michigan-Flint FirstMerit North Building Operational Separation project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget and that the university owns the property.

Respectfully submitted,



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