

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

**Approved by the  
Regents  
April 16, 2015**

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Regental Action Required Under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

**Action Requested:** Authorization for the University to Contract with Roberts & Limbrick Enterprises, LLC (University of Michigan Employee, Byron Roberts, Partner)

**Background:**

The University of Michigan College of Engineering, Center for Engineering Diversity and Outreach seeks approval to transact with Roberts & Limbrick Enterprises, LLC (“Roberts & Limbrick”) to provide parent engagement workshops for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (“GEAR-UP”).

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Byron Roberts is a University employee as Senior Director in the Office of Advancement with the College of Engineering and would be a party to the contract as a Partner of Roberts & Limbrick.

However, the Statute allows the University to enter into such agreements if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the contract to the official body which has power to approve the purchase, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The purchase is approved by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the full membership of the approving body in open session without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure.
- c) The official body discloses the following summary information in its official minutes:
  - i) The name of each party involved in the contract.
  - ii) The terms of the purchase, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the purchase, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the purchase.
  - iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.

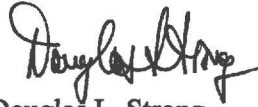
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its College of Engineering Center for Engineering Diversity and Outreach and Roberts & Limbrick.
- ii) The agreement is to conduct four workshop sessions at a cost of \$1,200 per session plus expenses for a total not to exceed \$6,000.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Byron Roberts is a Partner of Roberts & Limbrick.

Byron Roberts has met state law requirements with the disclosure of his pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable under the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee's procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the agreement between the University of Michigan and Roberts & Limbrick subject to requirements, if any, that either the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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and Chief Financial Officer

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