The Medical School proposes to co-locate a dozen or more health service research groups that are currently scattered in various locations into Building 16 in the North Campus Research Complex (NCRC). The five above-grade floors will be renovated to promote collaboration among groups and consolidation of redundant resources to create a more efficient and cost-effective research environment. Three conference rooms and fitness center located in below-grade level will also be renovated for general NCRC use. A renovation of approximately 120,000 gross square feet within Building 16 is planned to accommodate the programmatic needs for these relocations and to address anticipated growth. The renovation will also update the building's infrastructure, including heating, cooling, and ventilation systems; wired and wireless high-speed network access; bathroom facilities; and accessibility improvements. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $13,700,000. Funding will be provided from Medical School resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by 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 SmithGroup will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2012.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the North Campus Research Complex Building 16 Renovation for Health Services Research project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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