THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

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

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to transact with QuadMetrics, Inc. (University of Michigan Employee, Mingyan Liu, Stockholder)

Background:

The University of Michigan Business Engagement Center seeks approval to transact with QuadMetrics, Inc. ("QuadMetrics") for summer internship support. QuadMetrics was selected based on their application to participate in the Michigan Corporate Relations Network internship program which is designed to help small companies hire U-M interns for the summer and in turn help the State of Michigan’s economy.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Mingyan Liu is a University employee as Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science with the College of Engineering and would be a party to the contract as a Stockholder of QuadMetrics.

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 Business Engagement Center and QuadMetrics.

ii) The agreement is for summer internship support. The timeframe for this agreement is 4 months to take place over the summer of 2016 at a total cost of $3,500.

iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Mingyan Liu, is a Stockholder of QuadMetrics.

Mingyan Liu has met state law requirements with the disclosure of her 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 QuadMetrics 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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