## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

## ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents July 17, 2008

## Subject:Camp Davis Rocky Mountain Field StationCabin Replacement and Infrastructure Improvement

<u>Action</u>

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

## Background:

Established in 1929, the Camp Davis Rocky Mountain Field Station is a research and teaching facility owned by the University of Michigan and operated by the Department of Geological Sciences. Located approximately thirty miles south of Jackson, Wyoming (see attached map), the approximately 120-acre facility offers courses in geology, environmental science and the humanities, and is also used for academic conferences, alumni gatherings and guest programs. The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts is proposing to demolish several of the outdated faculty-assigned cabins and bathhouses that are original to the camp's construction. Sixteen new cabins will be constructed, each approximately 200 gross square feet and including a living/sleeping area, kitchenette and a bathroom with shower. Additional work will include upgrades to the electrical, water supply, and septic systems to support the new cabins to allow their use beyond the summer months. 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 \$1,350,000. Funding will be provided from College of Literature, Science, and the Arts 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 Regents. The architectural firm of Strout Architects, Inc. will design the project and manage its construction. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2009.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Regents approve the Camp Davis Rocky Mountain Field Station Cabin Replacement and Infrastructure Improvement 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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