

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 Myers Management Consulting, LLC (University of Michigan Employee Valerie Myers, Sole Proprietor)

Background:

The University of Michigan Office of the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education at the College of Engineering seeks approval to transact with Myers Management Consulting, LLC ("Myers") for a guest speaker. Valerie Myers will give her *Expect Respect* presentation to faculty and staff at the College of Engineering as a means to improve the school's climate and retention.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Valerie Myers is a University employee as Intermittent Lecturer in the Ross School of Business and would be party to the contract as Sole Proprietor of Myers.

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.

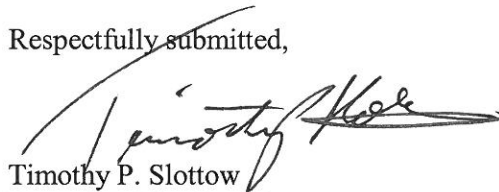
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its College of Engineering and Myers.
- ii) The agreement is to provide a one-time presentation to the faculty and staff at the College of Engineering for a total cost of \$1,500.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee Valerie Myers is Sole Proprietor of Myers.

Valerie Myers 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 Myers 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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