THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Bursley Residence Hall
2006 Infrastructure Updates and Dining Improvements

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

Constructed in 1968, Bursley Hall is a 340,000 gross square foot, seven story residence hall housing approximately 1,280 students. As part of the “Residential Life Initiatives” presented to the Regents in September 2004, this project will address infrastructure, life safety, and dining needs in Bursley.

The proposed project consists of fire protection enhancements, electrical upgrades, and improved dining facilities. The fire detection and alarm system will be upgraded to meet current codes and standards, including those set by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the fire suppression system will be upgraded to provide protection throughout the building. A new electrical substation will be installed to increase the electrical capacity to meet current and anticipated load requirements with improved reliability for the entire building. Approximately 4,600 square feet of space currently configured as lobby, terrace, and dining areas will be converted into a more contemporary space for food preparation and presentation, basic retail items, and café-style seating. The scope of the 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 $12,000,000. Funding will be provided from University Housing resources and investment proceeds. 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 University of Michigan Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction will be done in phases to minimize disruption to residence operations, and will be completed by winter 2007.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Bursley Residence Hall 2006 Infrastructure Updates and Dining Improvements 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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