

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
September 16, 2010

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Auxiliary Services Building
Renovations for School of Art and Design

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The University of Michigan School of Art and Design currently maintains graduate student and faculty studios in two separate off-campus leased locations. A renovation of approximately 33,000 gross square feet in Area C of the Auxiliary Services Building is planned to consolidate the graduate student and faculty studios into one location to encourage collaboration, increase operating efficiencies, and locate the studios on North Campus, much closer to Art and Design. This project will save the General Fund \$114,000 per year currently spent on the leased space for both studios, and at the same time increase the space by 40 percent and add 13 additional faculty studios. The project will also upgrade the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems, replace a portion of the roof, and provide accessibility improvements at the building's entrance. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. We estimate an additional 70 parking spaces will be needed for this project. These parking needs will be accommodated by the excess capacity of the adjacent NC37 surface lot.

The estimated cost of the project is \$4,900,000. Funding will be provided from 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 Board of Regents. The architectural firm of SHW Group will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2011.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Auxiliary Services Building Renovations for School of Art and Design 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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Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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