

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

**Approved by the
Regents
September 17, 2015**

ACTION REQUEST

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

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to transact with Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio (University of Michigan Employee, Mark Robinson, Employee)

Background:

The University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment seeks approval to contract with Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio ("Johnson Hill") for land and management plan improvement services. Services will include investigating site conditions for reassessment of a caretaker residence, repurposing of an existing cabin, stream erosion restoration and stabilization, parking, access, entry road, signage and trail improvements at the Saginaw Forest property located at the corner of Liberty Street and Wagner Road.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Mark Robinson is a University employee as LEO Intermittent Lecturer with the School of Natural Resources and Environment and would be a party to the agreement as an employee of Johnson Hill.

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.

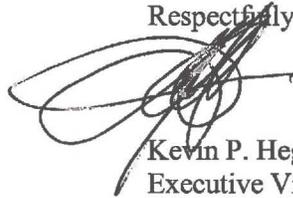
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its School of Natural Resources and Environment and Johnson Hill.
- ii) The agreement is for land and management plan improvement services to be completed by December 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$2.600.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Mark Robinson, is an employee of Johnson Hill.

Mark Robinson has met state law requirements with the disclosure of his 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 Johnson Hill subject to requirements, if any, that either the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin P. Hegarty
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

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