Subject: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building Renovation

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building (EECS) was constructed in 1985. In early 2006, many of the building’s occupants will be relocated to the new Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) Building. The College of Engineering proposes to take this opportunity to improve instructional spaces, make infrastructure improvements and renovate select areas to increase departmental efficiency within EECS. The project will also include the creation of a central student commons and upgrading public areas. Approximately 25,000 gross square foot of building renovation is proposed. 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 $6,300,000. Funding will be provided from College of Engineering resources and gifts. 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 Neumann Smith Associates will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2007.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building Renovation 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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