

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

**Approved by the
Regents
November 21, 2013**

Subject: Michigan Stadium

Action

Requested: Approval of Close Proximity Fireworks Display

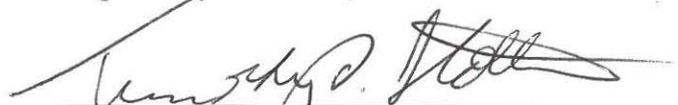
Background:

In March 2013, the Board of Regents approved licensing the use of Michigan Stadium to NHL Enterprises for the 2014 Bridgestone National Hockey League (NHL) Winter Classic between the Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs on January 1, 2014 (with a contingency date of January 2, 2014). To further enhance the fan experience for this unique and historic event, NHL Enterprises proposes to hold a close proximity fireworks display. Fireworks would be displayed at various points during the playing of the national anthems of Canada and the United States, and during player introductions. They may also be displayed during musical performances during the first or second intermission. Immediately following the game, the event would close out with fireworks for approximately one minute. The brief pre-game and intermission displays will be performed from the field and rooftops and the post-game display from the rooftops of the east and west towers of the stadium.

ACE Pyro has been selected to produce the fireworks show. ACE Pyro has provided the university's fire marshal, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Office of Risk Management Services, and Division of Public Safety and Security with relevant information for its pyrotechnic operator, years of experience, the number and type of close proximity fireworks it proposes to include, and its applicable insurance coverage. Additionally, ACE Pyro has provided the plan for production of the display including security, safety, and fire protection. NHL Enterprises will contract with ACE Pyro to produce this event provided that the university's fire marshal has determined ACE Pyro is able to meet university security, safety, and fire protection requirements.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the close proximity fireworks display for the 2014 Bridgestone National Hockey League Winter Classic event as described.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President and
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