

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents  
January 17, 2008

Subject: Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience Institute Building  
First Level Laboratory Renovations

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

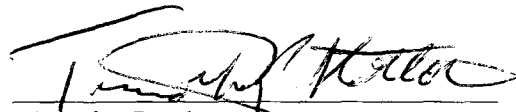
Background:

The approximately 50,000 gross square foot, three-story building housing the Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience Institute (MBNI) was constructed in 1960. The Medical School proposes a renovation of approximately 7,000 gross square feet of space on the first level of the MBNI building that will convert existing offices and support spaces to create a large open wet laboratory, a procedure room, and a linear equipment hallway to support modern neuroscience research activities. Infrastructure improvements will include upgrades to the electrical and mechanical systems, including the replacement of a 50-year-old chiller in the building's penthouse with a more energy-efficient unit that will meet the increased heat loads created by modern research. 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 \$1,600,000. Funding will be provided from Medical School resources. 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 is scheduled to be completed in Winter 2009.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience Institute First Level Laboratory Renovations 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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