

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Research Agreement between the University of Michigan and the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into an Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Division of Research Development and Administration while reviewing the proposed agreement which then triggered a review by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflicts of interest will be developed and approved by the Committee and agreed to by the parties involved.

This proposed research agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Dr. Douglas Van Houweling is an employee of the University of Michigan ("University") and is the President and CEO of the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development ("UCAID"), a non-profit corporation of the District of Columbia doing business from Ann Arbor. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the executive officers and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote of the Regents .

Background:

UCAID, a membership organization of more than 200 institutions of higher education, was founded to provide leadership and direction for advanced networking development within the university community. Dr. Douglas Van Houweling has a 25% appointment as a Professor in the School of Information and is the President and CEO of the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development (UCAID). The University's contract will be under the direction of a senior faculty member approved by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee who has no proprietary or other interest in UCAID.

Agreement Terms:

UCAID wishes to renew a contract with the University to have University employees assist UCAID at their site with the variety of tasks associated with fulfilling their mission. The proposed renewal agreement will provide support

for University employees over a three (3) year period at an estimated cost of \$4,688, 848. Dr. Van Houweling receives no salary from the University for performance of duties for UCAID. The Agreement includes provisions for changes in time, amount, and scope. University procedures for approval of any changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Impact of the Agreement:

The Agreement will enable the University and UCAID to continue to cooperate in the effort to develop Internet 2.

Recommendation:

This matter will be reviewed and approved by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee prior to acceptance by the University. In light of this disclosure made in this document and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve of the University's entering into this Agreement with the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen R. Forrest
Vice President for Research

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