

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

ACTION REQUEST

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

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to enter into an Agreement with Valley View Farms (University of Michigan Employee Doug Doop, Owner)

Background:

The University of Michigan Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine ("ULAM") seeks approval to enter into an agreement with Valley View Farms to provide sheep for use in research projects across the University. Valley View Farms was selected because of their immediate capacity to house the sheep, proximity and their experience providing sheep to the University since 1979.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Doug Doop is a University employee and would be a party to the agreement as owner of Valley View Farms. 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 agreement 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 agreement.
  - 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.

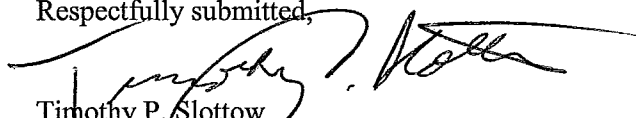
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Department of ULAM and Valley View Farms.
- ii) The agreement is for delivering sheep on an as needed basis. The estimated spend over three years is \$450,000.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that Doug Doop, a University of Michigan employee as Research Laboratory Specialist Lead in the Department of Pediatrics-Endocrinology, is owner of Valley View Farms.

Doug Doop 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 Valley View Farms subject to requirements, if any, that either the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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and Chief Financial Officer

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