THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Bob and Betty Beyster Building
Addition

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

Constructed in 2005, the Bob and Betty Beyster Building (Beyster) houses the College of Engineering’s Computer Science and Engineering Division (CSE). In order to address existing space constraints for CSE and the School of Information, this proposed project will construct an addition of approximately 163,000 gross square feet to Beyster (see attached map) that will provide expansion space for CSE as well as space to relocate the School of Information from Central Campus to North Campus. The new state-of-the-art facility will provide active learning classrooms, flexible dry research laboratories, and office and student services spaces that will enable both units to successfully fulfill their respective instructional and research missions and support interdisciplinary research and collaboration. We will return with the impact on parking when we seek approval of schematic design.

The estimated cost of the project is $145,000,000. This project is part of the Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Outlay Request to the State of Michigan and has received preliminary planning authorization. If the project is approved for funding by the legislature, the State of Michigan may fund $30,000,000 of the project and the university will fund the balance with Office of the Provost, College of Engineering, and School of Information resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. We propose the architectural firm of Integrated Design Solutions Inc., in association with Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects as the design architect. The project is expected to provide an average of 116 on-site construction jobs. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Bob and Betty Beyster Building Addition project as described and authorize commissioning Integrated Design Solutions in association with Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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Attachment