

**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 transact with Jazz Pie Music (University of Michigan Employees, Rod McDonald, Employee; Christopher Douglas Smith, Owner).

Background:

The University of Michigan Law School seeks approval to transact with Jazz Pie Music for musical performances.

The proposed contract falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Rod McDonald and Christopher Douglas Smith are employed by the University as Temporary Research Associate with Internal Medicine and Pulmonary/Logistics Coordinator with Michigan Medicine Path Supply Inventory respectively and would be a party to the contract as employee/owner of Jazz Pie Music.

However, the Statute allows the university to enter into such contracts if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the contract 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 contract.
 - 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 contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Law School and Jazz Pie Music.
- ii) This transaction is for four years, not to exceed \$5,000. Jazz Pie Music will supply the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services standard templates for other similar contracts entered into by the Regents.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employees Rod McDonald is an employee and Christopher Douglas Smith is the owner of Jazz Pie Music.

Rod McDonald and Christopher Douglas Smith have met state law requirements with the disclosure of their pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisor of Rod McDonald and Christopher Douglas Smith 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 contract between the University of Michigan and Jazz Pie Music subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisor of Rod McDonald and Christopher Douglas Smith or the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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