

**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 the Institute for Social and Environmental Research Nepal (University of Michigan Employee, Dirgha Jibi Ghimire, Director).

Background:

The University of Michigan Institute for Social Research Population Studies Center seeks approval to enter into an agreement with the Institute for Social and Environmental Research Nepal for the purpose of collaboration under a sponsored project.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Dirgha Jibi Ghimire is a University employee as Research Professor with the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research and would be party to the agreement as Director of the Institute for Social and Environmental Research Nepal.

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 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 agreement, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the agreement, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the agreement.
 - iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.

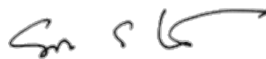
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Institute for Social Research Population Studies Center and the Institute for Social and Environmental Research Nepal.
- ii) The agreement is for the purpose of collaboration under a sponsored project funded by the National Institute of Health titled “Intergenerational disadvantage and pediatric health disparities in acute respiratory illness and diarrhea.” The agreement is for a duration of five years at a total cost not to exceed \$1,088,846. The Institute for Social and Environmental Research Nepal will be supplying all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this agreement. The remaining base agreement terms and conditions will comply with appropriate University requirements and are typical for other similar agreements entered into by the Regents. Since projects are often amended, the agreement will include provisions for changes in time, amount and scope.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Dirgha Jibi Ghimire, is Director of the Institute for Social and Environmental Research Nepal.

Dirgha Jibi Ghimire 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 by the supervisor of Dirgha Jibi Ghimire, 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 the Institute for Social and Environmental Research Nepal subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisor of Dirgha Jibi Ghimire or the Medical School’s or OVPR’s Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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