

**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 Enabled Activist (University of Michigan Employee, Rebecca Irvine, Director).

Background:

The University of Michigan Museum of Art seeks approval to transact with Enabled Activist for singing. The event is for the Museum of Art's Feel Good Frybread Native Heritage Month celebration.

The proposed contract falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Rebecca Irvine is employed by the University as Assistant Dean for Research, Creative Practice, & Graduate Education with Stamps School of Art & Design and would be a party to the contract as the director of Enabled Activist.

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 Museum of Art Department and Enabled Activist.
- ii) The contract is for a one-day performance of traditional Anishiaabe songs presented with an educational framework as part of the Museum of Art's Feel Good Frybread Native Heritage Month celebration at a total cost of \$250. Enabled Activist 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 employee, Rebecca Irvine is the director of Enabled Activist.

Rebecca Irvine has met state law requirements with the disclosure of her pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisor of Rebecca Irvine under the Museum of Art 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 Enabled Activist subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisor of Rebecca Irvine or the Museum of Art or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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