THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents March 18, 2010

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

Action

<u>Requested:</u> Authorization for the University of Michigan to Enter into a Lease Amendment Agreement with C-3 Partners (University of Michigan Special Advisor to the President William C. Martin, partner)

Background:

The University of Michigan wishes to enter into a lease amendment agreement for 8,081 square feet of property located at 535 West William Street, 4th floor, Ann Arbor, Michigan, to be leased from C-3 Partners. The space will be utilized as office space for Medical School Administration.

The proposed lease amendment agreement falls under the State of Michigan conflict of interest statute as William C. Martin is a University of Michigan employee and would be a party to the lease amendment agreement by virtue of his partnership in C-3 Partners. However, the statute allows university employees to participate in such lease agreements, if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the lease amendment agreement to the official body that has power to approve the lease amendment agreement, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The lease amendment agreement 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 lease amendment agreement.
 - ii) The terms of the lease amendment agreement, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the lease amendment agreement, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the lease amendment 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 lease amendment agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan and C-3 Partners.
- ii) The service to be provided is the lease amendment agreement of 8,081 square feet in a building at 535 West William Street, 4th floor, Ann Arbor, Michigan for twenty-four months, beginning June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2012, at a monthly rate of \$12,660.00. Tenant will be responsible for gas and electric usage plus janitorial service.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that William C. Martin, a University of Michigan employee, is a partner of C-3 Partners.

William C. Martin has met state law requirements with the disclosure of his pecuniary interest and his formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the lease amendment agreement between the University of Michigan and C-3 Partners.

Respectfully submitted,

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