

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 Biodiscovery, LLC d/b/a  
MYcroarray (University of Michigan Employees, Jean-Marie Rouillard, Owner,  
and Erdogan Gulari, Partner)

Background:

The University of Michigan Department of Internal Medicine seeks approval to transact with Biodiscovery, LLC d/b/a MYcroarray ("MYcroarray") for synthetic plasmid, a custom sequence used to make the transgenic mice for diabetic research.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Jean-Marie Rouillard and Erdogan Gulari are University employees as Assistant Research Scientist and Professor, respectively, with the Department of Chemical Engineering and would be parties to the contract as Owner and Partner, respectively, of MYcroarray.

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 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.

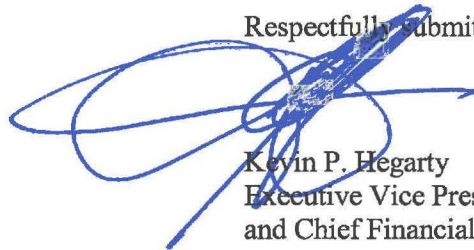
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Department of Internal Medicine and MYcroarray.
- ii) The agreement is for a one-time purchase of synthetic plasmid at a cost of \$2,208. MYcroarray will be supplying all 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, Jean-Marie Rouillard and Erdogan Gulari are Owner and Partner, respectively, of MYcroarray.

Jean-Marie Rouillard and Erdogan Gulari 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 supervisors of Jean-Marie Rouillard and Erdogan Gulari 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 MYcroarray subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisors of Jean-Marie Rouillard and Erdogan Gulari or the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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