

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

April 16, 2009

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and the Greenleaf Center for Servant-Leadership

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Division of Research, Development and Administration while reviewing the Proposal Approval Form. This then triggered a review by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed by this Committee and agreed to by the parties involved.

The proposed agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Dr. John Burkhardt is both an employee of the University of Michigan ("University") and a member of the Board of Directors of the Greenleaf Center for Servant-Leadership ("Greenleaf Center"). The law permits such an agreement provided it is disclosed to the executive officers and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote of the Regents of the University of Michigan.

Background:

Dr. Burkhardt is a Professor of Higher Education and the Director of the National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good at the University and is a member of the Greenleaf Center Board of Directors, a non-profit corporation. The Greenleaf Center desires to fund a project in the School of Education.

Nature of the Agreement:

The Greenleaf Center wishes to fund the National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good to develop, administer, and supervise the initial stages of the Greenleaf Scholars Program, a new initiative by the Greenleaf Center, whose aim is to promote scholarship on the impact of servant leadership across society. The Greenleaf Center wishes to enter into a contract with the University to enable Professor Burkhardt to assist in the performance of this funded work.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the proposed Agreement are acceptable and conform to University policy. The period of performance for the project is twelve (12) months and the amount of funding support is \$15,000.

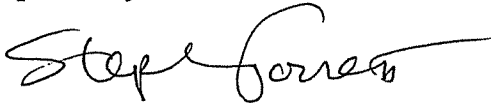
Impact of the Agreement:

The matter will support an effort by Professor Burkhardt to use his expertise and his University of Michigan facilities, well as other University resources, to develop, administer, and supervise the initial states of the Greenleaf Scholars Program.

Recommendation:

This Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. In light of the disclosure made in this document and our finding that the agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve of the University's entering into this Agreement with the Greenleaf Center for Servant-Leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen R. Forrest". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stephen R. Forrest
Vice President for Research

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