THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents April 15, 2010

Subject:

Institute for Social Research

Addition

Action

Requested:

Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The Institute for Social Research (ISR) is the oldest and largest academic survey and social research organization in the world. Expansion of the ISR's facilities on Thompson Street will increase the capacity of the institute's research facilities to support its large and growing externally-funded research programs. Expansion will also enhance research effectiveness by integrating research programs within a single building complex, and will provide state-of-the-art facilities for communicating with national and international research partners. A four-level addition of approximately 44,700 gross square feet to the existing Institute for Social Research building is proposed. The expansion will create office and research spaces, collaborative meeting spaces, and secure data and biospecimen storage. The project also involves renovations to approximately 7,200 gross square feet of the existing building where it will connect to the addition. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to construct the expansion. We will return with information on the impact on parking when we seek approval of schematic design.

The estimated cost of the project is \$23,000,000. Funding will be provided from an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 grant from the National Institutes of Health, Office of the Provost resources, and Institute for Social Research resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of Lord, Aeck & Sargent, Inc. will design the project. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Institute for Social Research Addition project as described and authorize commissioning Lord, Aeck & Sargent, Inc. for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Financial Officer

