

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

**Approved by the  
Regents  
May 21, 2015**

**ACTION REQUEST**

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

**Action Requested:** Authorization for the University to transact with Michigan Interiorscaping (University of Michigan Employee, Bruce Morrison, Owner).

**Background:**

The University of Michigan Home Care Services, Office of the President Emerita, Office of the President and Rackham Graduate School seek approval to transact with Michigan Interiorscaping for indoor plant maintenance and periodic plant replacement.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Bruce Morrison is a University employee as a Gardener II with Plant Building & Grounds Services and would be a party to the contract as Owner of Michigan Interiorscaping.

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.

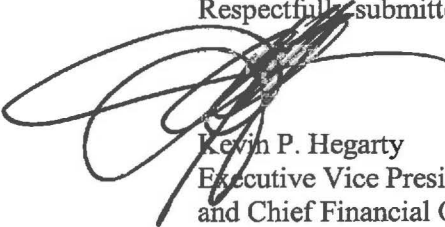
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Home Care Services, Office of the President Emerita, Office of the President, and Rackham Graduate School and Michigan Interiorscaping.
- ii) The agreement is to provide monthly indoor plant maintenance and periodic plant replacement for the above mentioned departments through May 31, 2018 at an estimated total cost of \$45,000.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Bruce Morrison, is the Owner of Michigan Interiorscaping.

Bruce Morrison has met state law requirements with the disclosure of his pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable 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 Michigan Interiorscaping subject to requirements, if any, that either the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin P. Hegarty", is written over the typed name and title.

Kevin P. Hegarty  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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