

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and MoxyTech, LLC

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects while reviewing the Proposal Approval Form which then triggered a review by the UMOR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed and approved by the Committee and agreed to by the parties involved.

This proposed agreement (“Agreement”) falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Assistant Professor Alexandre DaSilva and Mr. Eric Maslowski are employees of the University of Michigan (“University”), and partial owners of MoxyTech, LLC. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the Board of Regents (“Regents”) of the University of Michigan and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote.

Background:

Dr. Alexandre DaSilva, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Prosthodontics and Research Assistant Professor in the Departments of Biologic and Materials Science and Center for Human Growth & Development, and Mr. Eric Maslowski, a Manager of the 3D Lab, are partial owners of a for-profit company called MoxyTech, LLC (the “Company”). The Company wishes to fund a NIH (prime) STTR Phase I project entitled “Precision Pain Research, Therapeutics, and Education Through 3D Tracking Analysis” (ORSP# 16-PAF05739) in the Department of Biologic and Material Sciences and Division of Prosthodontics under the direction of Dr. DaSilva. The purpose of this project is to optimize and implement 3D pain tracking technology.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The period of performance for the project is approximately six (6) months. The amount of funding support will not exceed \$44,360. Since research projects are often amended, this agreement includes provisions for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Impact of the Agreement

The Agreement will support an effort by Dr. DaSilva to use his expertise and University laboratory, as well as other University resources to provide physicians with a better way to track, analyze a discuss patient pain using a 3D representation.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the UMOR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University's entering into this Agreement with MoxyTech, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,



S. Jack Hu
Vice President for Research

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