

**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 AutonomousSafety, LLC  
(University of Michigan Employee, Eric Peterson, Sole Member)

Background:

The University of Michigan Business Engagement Center seeks approval to transact with AutonomousSafety, LLC (“AutonomousSafety”) for the 2017 summer internship support through the Michigan Corporate Relations Network (“MCRN”), Small Company Internship Award. AutonomousSafety was selected based on their application to participate in the MCRN intern program.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Eric Peterson is a University employee as Program Director, Michigan Translational Research and Commercialization Transportation, with the College of Engineering and would be party to the contract as Sole Member of AutonomousSafety.

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 Business Engagement Center, and AutonomousSafety.
- ii) The agreement is an internship for a master student in Engineering Robotics that will run from May 1, 2017, through August 31, 2017, at a cost of \$3,200 per month for a total cost of \$12,800. AutonomousSafety 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 employee, Eric Peterson, is a Sole Member of AutonomousSafety.

Eric Peterson 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 by the supervisor of Eric Peterson 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 AutonomousSafety subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisor of Eric Peterson or the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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