

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 Brassi LLC (University of  
Michigan Employees Jacqueline Sun and Taylor Hurley, Owners).

Background:

The University of Michigan Zell Lurie Institute seeks approval to transact with Brassi LLC for the Eugene Applebaum Dare to Dream grant program.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Jacqueline Sun is a University employee as Teacher's Assistant with the Stephen M. Ross School of Business Department of Technology & Operations and would be party to the contract as owner of Brassi LLC, and Taylor Hurley is a University employee as a Peer Mentor with the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and would be party to the contract as owner of Brassi LLC.

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 Stephen M. Ross School of Business and Brassi LLC.
- ii) The agreement is for a duration of one year at a total cost not to exceed \$6,500. Brassi LLC 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 employees, Jacqueline Sun and Taylor Hurley, are owners of Brassi LLC.

Jacqueline Sun and Taylor Hurley have met state law requirements with the disclosure of their pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisors of Jacqueline Sun and Taylor Hurley, 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 Brassi LLC subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisors of Jacqueline Sun and Taylor Hurley or the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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