

**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 enter into a contract with A Host of People (University of Michigan Employee, Dr. Jake Hooker, Co-Founder and Employee).

Background:

The University of Michigan Residential College, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Department seeks approval to enter into a contract with A Host of People to facilitate workshops.

The proposed contract falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Dr. Jake Hooker is employed by the University as the Head of Drama (LIII) with the Residential College, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Department and would be a party to the contract as an the co-founder and an employee of A Host of People.

However, the Statute allows the university to enter into such contracts 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.

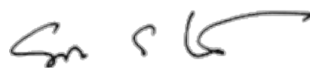
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Residential College, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and A Host of People.
- ii) The contract is for a duration of three years, from May 2025 to July 2028. The base cost is \$500 per workshop, which lasts two hours and includes one facilitator. If additional facilitators or time is needed, it will be charged as outlined in the contract. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$9,000. A Host of People will supply 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, Dr. Jake Hooker, is the co-founder and an employee of A Host of People.

Dr. Jake Hooker 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 Dr. Jake Hooker under the Arts Initiative Department or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee's procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the contract between the University of Michigan and A Host of People subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisor of Dr. Jake Hooker or the Arts Initiative Department or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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