## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents June 18, 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 Movellus Circuits, Incorporated

(University of Michigan Employee, Muhammad Faisal, Director)

## Background:

The University of Michigan Business Engagement Center seeks approval to transact with Movellus Circuits, Incorporated ("Movellus") for 2015 summer intern support. Movellus was selected based on their application to participate in the Michigan Corporate Relations Network intern program. This program is designed to help small companies hire U-M interns for the summer.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Muhammad Faisal is a University employee as Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department at the College of Engineering and would be party to the contract as the Director of Movellus.

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 Movellus.
- ii) The agreement is for 2015 summer intern support at a total cost of \$3,500.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Muhammad Faisal, is the Director of Movellus.

Muhammad Faisal 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.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the agreement between the University of Michigan and Movellus subject to requirements, if any, that either the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respect by submitted,

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