

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 of Michigan to Enter into License Agreements with Venture Accelerator Firms Located at the North Campus Research Complex

Background:

The University of Michigan wishes to enter into license agreements for space in the North Campus Research Complex Venture Accelerator located at 1600 Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, Michigan, with the companies listed in the attached spreadsheet. The space will be utilized as office and laboratory space for research and business operations. The companies have an opportunity to expand their operations per the parameters outlined in the spreadsheet to include additional laboratory or office space.

The proposed licenses fall under the State of Michigan conflict of interest statute as those named for the companies in the attached spreadsheet are University of Michigan employees and party to the license by virtue of their share of the ownership of the licensee company, membership on licensee company board of directors, or acting as an officer in the licensee company. However, the statute allows university employees to participate in such license agreements if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the license agreement to the official body that has power to approve the license agreement, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The license agreement is approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds 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 license agreement.
 - ii) The terms of the license agreement, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the license agreement, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the license agreement.
 - 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 license agreements are the Regents of the University of Michigan and the companies listed in the attached spreadsheet.
- ii) The service to be provided is the license of space in the North Campus Research Complex Venture Accelerator located at 1600 Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, Michigan with access to common area space within the building. The license durations including all options for renewal are outlined in the spreadsheet. The licenses will use the standard University of Michigan Venture Accelerator license template. The licensee companies will pay the rates as stipulated in the attached spreadsheet for the current term and option years as indicated. The licensee companies will be responsible for providing monthly updates concerning their business progress to the University of Michigan's Office of Technology Transfer, and will have access to Office of Technology Transfer personnel for advice concerning obtaining technology assessment, business consulting, technical assistance, capital raising, or other business services.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that the individuals listed are University of Michigan employees and owners and/or officers of the licensee companies.

All have met state law requirements with the disclosure of their pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the license agreements between the University of Michigan and the venture accelerator companies listed in the attached spreadsheet, subject to the requirements, if any, of a conflict management plan required by the respective employees' supervisor, and any requirements imposed by the conflict of interest committees of the Medical School or the Office of Research.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Brian Smith
Interim Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

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Attachment

COMPANY	UM EMPLOYEES	TERM	MONTHLY LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE				LICENSE AREA CURRENT TERM				MONTHLY FEE CURRENT TERM	SECURITY DEPOSIT
			OFFICE	LAB PER BENCH	WHOLE LAB	CUBICLE	OFFICE	LAB PER BENCH	WHOLE LAB	CUBICLE		
Cubeworks Inc		October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022	\$495	\$1,610	\$3,860	\$270	4	0	1	0	\$5,840	\$315
Renewal Option: Names of any University employee who owns 5% or more of the equity of Licensee: ZhiYoong Foo, Gyouho Kim, David Blaauw, Yejoong Kim, Seokhyeon Jeong Names of any University employee who is a member of the Board or Directors of Licensee: ZhiYoong Foo, Gyouho Kim, David Blaauw Names of any University employee who is the President, Chief Executive Officer, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary of Licensee: ZhiYoong Foo, Gyouho Kim, David Blaauw			October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023	\$540	\$1,770	\$4,250	\$300					
OGB1 Inc		August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022	\$495	\$1,610	\$3,860	\$270	0	0	0	1	\$270	\$270
Renewal Option: Names of any University employee who owns 5% or more of the equity of Licensee: Omolola Eniola-Adefeso Names of any University employee who is a member of the Board or Directors of Licensee: Names of any University employee who is the President, Chief Executive Officer, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary of Licensee:			August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023	\$540	\$1,770	\$4,250	\$300					
			August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024	\$600	\$1,950	\$4,670	\$330					
			August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025	\$660	\$2,140	\$5,140	\$360					

NOTES:

1. Renewal Options will be exercised only if acceptable to all parties and will be executed via amendment.
2. All Licensees have the option to license units up to the following maximums: Eight (8) offices; Eight (8) cubicles; Three (3) labs.