

**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 STEL Technologies, LLC
(University of Michigan Employees, Lisa Larkin, Ellen M. Arruda, and Edward
M. Wojtys, MD, Members; Kathryn Remus, Employee).

Background:

The University of Michigan Business Engagement Center seeks approval to transact with STEL Technologies, LLC for funding summer internships.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Lisa Larkin is a University employee as Professor with the Department of Molecular & Integrative Physiology and would be party to the contract as member of STEL Technologies, LLC; Ellen M. Arruda is a University employee as Professor with the Department of Mechanical Engineering and would be party to the contract as member of STEL Technologies, LLC; Edward M. Wojtys, MD, is a University employee as Professor with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and would be party to the contract as member of STEL Technologies, LLC; and Kathryn Remus is a University employee as Mentor-in-Residence with the Office of Technology Transfer and would be party to the contract as employee of STEL Technologies, 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 Business Engagement Center and STEL Technologies, LLC.
- ii) The agreement is for a duration of three months at a total cost not to exceed \$7,000. STEL Technologies, 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, Lisa Larkin, Ellen M. Arruda, and Edward M. Wojtys, MD, are members of STEL Technologies, LLC and Kathryn Remus is an employee of STEL Technologies, LLC.

Lisa Larkin, Ellen M. Arruda, Edward M. Wojtys, MD, and Kathryn Remus 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 supervisor of Lisa Larkin, Ellen M. Arruda, Edward M. Wojtys, MD, and Kathryn Remus 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 STEL Technologies, LLC subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisor of Lisa Larkin, Ellen M. Arruda, Edward M. Wojtys, MD, and Kathryn Remu or the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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