

**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 Triangle Systems Inc. (University Employee Peter Adriaens is a Corporate Advisory Board member).

Background:

The University of Michigan (“University”) through its Civil and Environmental Engineering Department seeks approval to enter into a contract with Triangle Systems Inc. for the purpose of research activities.

The proposed contract falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Peter Adriaens, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, is an employee of the University and Corporate Advisory Board member at Triangle Systems Inc.

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 contract, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The contract 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 contract, 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 contract.
 - iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.

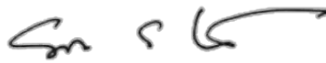
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and Triangle Systems Inc.
- ii) The contract is for Triangle Systems Inc. to provide sponsored research collaboration services under a sponsored project from the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, titled “Performance-Based Financing Models for Sustainable Agriculture in the Great Lakes Basin”. The performance period is anticipated to be May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2026, and estimated not to exceed \$49,805. The terms of the contract will comply with appropriate University requirements. Since projects are often amended, the contract will include provisions for changes in time, amount, and scope.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University employee Peter Adriaens is an employee of the University and Corporate Advisory Board member at Triangle Systems Inc.

Peter Adriaens has met state law requirements with the disclosure of his pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangement with the University. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisors of Peter Adriaens or UMOR’s Conflict of Interest Committee’s procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University enter into a contract with Triangle Systems Inc., subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisors of Peter Adriaens or UMOR’s Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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