

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the  
Regents  
December 18, 2014

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Regental Action Required Under the State of  
Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to enter into an agreement with  
QuadMetrics, Inc. (University of Michigan Employee, Dr. Mingyan Liu,  
co-owner of QuadMetrics, Inc.)

Background:

The University of Michigan Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department seeks approval to enter into an agreement with QuadMetrics, Inc. to provide custom computer programming services in support of the project "*Towards a Global Network Reputation System: A Mechanism Design Approach*".

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Dr. Mingyan Liu is a University employee as Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science with the College of Engineering and would be a party to the agreement as co-owner of QuadMetrics, Inc.

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.

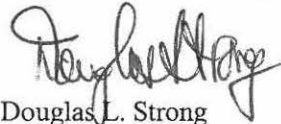
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department and QuadMetrics, Inc.
- ii) The agreement is for an initial nine months with an option to extend the agreement an additional twelve months and with an estimated cost of \$586,000.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Dr. Mingyan Liu is a co-owner of QuadMetrics, Inc.

Dr. Mingyan Liu has met state law requirements with the disclosure of her 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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and Chief Financial Officer

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