

**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 KEOW MEI GOH dba Papahana, LLC (University of Michigan Employee, Meidee Keow Goh, Owner).

Background:

The University of Michigan Department of Urology seeks approval to transact with KEOW MEI GOH dba Papahana, LLC for tailgate space rental.

The proposed contract falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Meidee Keow Goh is employed by the University as an Assistant Professor with the Department of Urology. Meidee Keow Goh is owner of KEOW MEI GOH dba Papahana, LLC. The decision to utilize the COI supplier was determined based on the bids received by multiple suppliers. The supplier provides the best pricing and location, near the stadium, and the backyard can accommodate 140 attendees. The conflicted employee was part of the decision-making process, as all committee members, including Meidee Keow Goh, were involved.

However, 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 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.

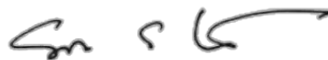
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Department of Urology and KEOW MEI GOH dba Papahana.
- ii) The contract is for a one-day tailgate space rental at a cost of \$2,000. KEOW MEI GOH dba Papahana, LLC will supply all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical of those used in Procurement Services standard templates for similar contracts entered into by the Regents.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee Meidee Keow Goh owns KEOW MEI GOH dba Papahana, LLC.

Meidee Keow Goh 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 by the supervisor of Meidee Keow Goh 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 contract between the University of Michigan and KEOW MEI GOH dba Papahana, LLC, subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisor of Meidee Keow Goh or the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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