

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
September 15, 2011

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan–Dearborn
Science Building and Computer Information Science Building Renovation

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The Science Building and the adjacent Computer Information Science Building were constructed in 1959 as part of the original University of Michigan–Dearborn campus. The buildings have begun to show their age, and the Dearborn campus proposes to renovate both buildings. A renovation of approximately 106,000 gross square feet is planned. The Science Building renovation will create updated laboratory and classroom spaces for the Department of Natural Sciences to allow new research technology and instruction methods in order to continue collaboration with the College of Engineering in the emerging nano-science area. The renovation of the Computer Information Science Building will allow students in the Department of Computer Information Science to pursue advanced research in updated computer science laboratories and classrooms. The project will also upgrade the shared infrastructure of the two buildings, including new heating, ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing, electrical, and life-safety systems. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. Although there will be a temporary loss of some adjacent parking spaces during construction, there will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$51,000,000. This project is part of the fiscal year 2011 capital outlay request to the State of Michigan. Once construction is authorized by the state legislature, the state will fund approximately \$30,000,000 of the project and the university will fund the balance with University of Michigan–Dearborn resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of SHW Group will design the project. Design is scheduled to begin immediately, and we will return with a construction schedule, based upon a specific phasing plan, when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University of Michigan–Dearborn Science Building and Computer Information Science Building Renovation project as described and authorize commissioning SHW Group for its design.

Respectfully submitted,



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