

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: West Hall
Renovation Project

Action Requested: Authorization to Issue Project for Bids and Award a Construction Contract

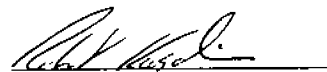
Background:

At the November 1999 meeting the Regents approved the West Hall Renovation Project and contracting with the firm of Albert Kahn and Associates, Inc. for its design. We now seek your approval to issue the project for bids and begin construction this winter. The project will involve renovations, to various degrees, of approximately 161,000 gross square feet. We do not anticipate any additional parking needs associated with this renovation project.

This project is one component of the State funded project authorized by Public Act 480 of 1996 and Public Act 137 of 1999. The State will fund up to \$11,250,000 of the estimated \$15,000,000 cost of the project and the University will fund the balance (\$3,750,000) from Central Administration and LS&A sources. 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 Regents. We will issue the project for bid later this fall and start construction in winter 2001. Construction will span approximately two and a half years due to the specific phasing requirements related to the academic schedule and moving West Hall departments into newly constructed space in another building.

We recommend the Regents authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding a construction contract as described, providing the overall project remains within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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