

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: West Hall Renovation Project

Action

Requested: Approval of Project and Appointment of Architect

Background:

Act 480 of the Public Acts of 1996 includes a Central Campus Renovation Phase II Project for the Ann Arbor Campus which includes renovation work in the following buildings:

- Perry Building
- Literature, Sciences, and the Arts Building
- Mason Hall and Haven Hall
- West Hall

At this time we are prepared to initiate the planning for the West Hall renovation project. West Hall was designed by Albert Kahn and was constructed in 1904, with a major addition constructed in 1910, and minor additions in the 1950s.


This component of the overall State project will involve renovations, to various degrees, of approximately 161,000 gross square feet. The building will continue to house the School of Information, the Department of Physics, and the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. These areas will receive upgrades to certain infrastructure components. The remainder of the building will be renovated for the Departments of Anthropology and Statistics.

The State will fund up to \$11,250,000 and the University will fund the balance of the estimated \$15 million project. The University's share is to be provided through the issuance of tax-exempt debt secured by a pledge of General Revenues to be paid from student fees. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the \$120 million program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents.

We propose that Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. be commissioned to design the renovation because of their long standing record of providing quality design service to the University.

We recommend the Regents approve the West Hall renovation project and authorize contracting with the firm of Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. for its design.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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