THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

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Subject:

Literature, Science, and the Arts Building Renovation Project

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Requested:

Approval of Project and Appointment of Architect

Background:

Act 480 of the Public Acts of 1996 contains 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
- Frieze Building
- Mason Hall and Haven Hall
- West Hall

At the September meeting, the Regents will be presented an overview and update on the status of these projects.

At this time, we are prepared to initiate the planning for the Literature, Sciences and the Arts (LS&A) Building renovation project. The LS&A Building was designed by Harley Ellington Day and was constructed in 1948.

This component of the overall State project will involve a total building renovation of approximately 126,000 gross square feet. Most of the net area within the building will continue to house the core functions of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts' administration as well as provide space for some of the College's academic and support functions.

The State will fund \$16.5 million and the University will fund the balance of the estimated \$25 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 SHG Incorporated 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 Literature, Science, and the Arts Building renovation project and authorize contracting with the firm of SHG Incorporated for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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