

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

JUL 20 1999

Subject: Medical Science Buildings 1 and 2  
Renovation for Bioinformatics

Action  
Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

In an effort to support the rapid expansion of the Medical School's bioinformatics research and education, the Bioinformatics Program intends to recruit and support a critical mass of investigators. These investigators will focus on defining the intellectual constructs of this emerging discipline, developing the next generation of bioinformatics tools, expanding the range of biological applications that can benefit from the fruits of the genome sequencing projects, and educating the next generation of bioinformatics scholars. This program will be a catalyst of cooperative interactions in bioinformatics between the biomedical and computational sciences.

The proposed renovation is the first stage implementation and will modify approximately 2,200 square feet of existing space in the Medical Science Buildings 1 and 2 for the core computation facility and a part of the total research space requirements of this new program. The scope of work will include standard anti-static finishes and electrical services for the computer areas, and standard architectural, plumbing and electrical services in the research laboratory. The low-pressure exhaust system in the renovation area will be converted to high-pressure as part of the Medical School's on-going initiative to upgrade the buildings' infrastructure. The necessary exhaust system modifications are a significant portion of the project cost.

The project is estimated to cost \$750,000, and will be designed by The University of Michigan, Facilities Planning and Design Office. Funding will be provided by Medical School unrestricted revenue, reserves and gifts. The construction cashflow may be financed, all or in part, with tax-exempt debt secured by a pledge of patient revenues of the Medical School. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1999 and last approximately 10 months.

We recommend the Regents approve the project as described.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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