

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan - Flint
Northbank Center Renovation Project

Action
Requested: Approval of Project


Background:


The Northbank Center, located immediately north of Campus across the Flint River, was purchased by the Mott Foundation and recently donated to the University. The Center is comprised of two main buildings (one was the Consumer's Power Building and the other was the Metropolitan Building), a connecting annex, and a parking deck. The two main buildings, totaling approximately 162,000 gross square feet, were constructed in the early 1920's and are in need of considerable infrastructure improvements. The Flint Campus intends to occupy a portion of the Center with existing and expanded programs, some of which are currently in rental property. Plans for the use of the remainder of space will be developed as tenant leases expire.

In 1998, the State appropriated \$3 million for the Flint Campus to accomplish some of the necessary improvements to the facility. We intend to upgrade the Center's life safety and electrical systems, replace the roof, upgrade the elevator and remove asbestos from portions of the buildings. The project schedule calls for design to begin immediately, construction to start in June 2000 and completion by the end of the calendar year. Funding will be provided by the State of Michigan.

We recommend the Regents approve the Northbank Center Renovation Project as described.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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