

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Science Instruction Center Building

Action Requested: Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

During the September 2000 meeting, the Regents approved proceeding with planning for a Science Instruction Center Building. The project site is located on top of the Palmer Drive Parking Structure being constructed as a part of the Life Sciences complex.

We have considered architects for the project and are recommending the firms of SmithGroup, Incorporated, and Michael Wilford Architects, Limited located in London, England. We propose the SmithGroup, Incorporated as the architect of record, and Michael Wilford Architects, Limited to lead the design of the building. Mr. Wilford has designed a number of important buildings in his career, most recently the new British embassy in Berlin Germany, and is currently working at Rice University on their Fondren Library project.

We recommend the Regents authorize the appointment of the SmithGroup, Incorporated as the architect of record, and Michael Wilford Architects, Limited to lead the design of the building for the Science Instruction Center Building project.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin  
Executive Vice President  
And Chief Financial Officer

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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