

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Lorch Hall Addition

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint Architect

Background:

Lorch Hall was constructed in 1928 as the first facility for the School of Architecture and was designed by Emil Lorch, Dean Emeritus of the College of Architecture and Design. Since 1974, Lorch Hall has functioned as home for a number of University departments and organizations. One of these has been the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. The School occupies slightly more than 8,000 net square feet of the 41,000 net square feet building.

The primary goal will be to construct a significant addition to Lorch Hall to house additional functions for the Ford School of Public Policy (approximately 38,000 gross square feet), and create a new street level "front door" for the School. In addition there will be limited renovation of some existing spaces in Lorch Hall. We estimate 25 additional parking spaces will be needed and will be accommodated in the Forest Street parking structure to be opened in 2001.

The architectural selection process has been completed and based on experience and creativity in the design of educational facilities within an historic context, Barton Phelps & Associates (in conjunction with O'Donnell Wicklund Pigozzi and Peterson Architects Inc.) is recommended to design this project.

The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$16,000,000. Funding will be provided from gifts and central administration sources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. As the project becomes more defined, we will return to the Regents for design approval and approval to issue the project for bids. We propose to complete design by Fall of 2001, and it will take approximately 18 months to construct the addition.

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS IN

OCT 19 2000

We recommend that the Regents approve the Lorch Hall Addition project and authorize commissioning the firm of Barton Phelps & Associates, working in association with O'Donnell Wicklund Pigozzi and Peterson Architects Inc., as the architect.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

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