

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: President's Residence  
Kitchen and Pantry Renovation

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

In February 2002, the Regents approved proceeding with an infrastructure renovation project at the President's Residence. The scope of that project includes updates to the mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure, roof repairs and site improvements. Renovations to the kitchen and pantry were deferred at that meeting. We now seek approval for renovations to the kitchen and pantry to properly equip the house to meet catering requirements.

The President's Residence, built in 1840, has been the home of University of Michigan presidents since 1852. The house has hosted a myriad of nationally and internationally renowned personalities, including numerous United States presidents. It is the oldest existing building on campus and the only surviving of the five structures on the original forty-acre site known as the Diag. The President's Residence was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970. It is an important venue for development events, as well as, a gathering place for the University community.

The current request is for renovation of the circa-1952 kitchen and pantry. These facilities are inadequate for hosting large-scale functions. Sufficient refrigeration, cooking equipment and appropriate food preparation areas will be the focus of this project. The project includes plumbing upgrades, new cabinetry, flooring, appliances and equipment, including the kitchen hood and fire protection. As with the earlier approved project, historic features and finishes will be respected. We anticipate no impact on parking needs associated with this renovation project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$235,000. Funding will be provided from the President's discretionary funds. The University of Michigan, Plant Extension – Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project working with a kitchen designer and incorporating input from caterers. Construction is scheduled to begin immediately upon approval for completion by February 2003.

We recommend that the Regents approve the President's Residence Kitchen and Pantry Renovation project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON  
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