Subject: University of Michigan-Dearborn
Engineering Laboratory Building Expansion and Renovation
Phase Two of the Science and Engineering Expansion and Renovation Project

Action Requested: Approval of Schematic Design

Background:

At the June 2001 meeting, the Regents granted project approval and appointment of Lord, Aeck, Sargent Architecture for the design of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Engineering Laboratory Building Expansion and Renovation, Phase Two of the Science and Engineering Expansion and Renovation Project. At the December 2002 meeting, the Regents approved the modified scope and the revised project budget of $12,600,000; however, the project remained on hold pending the purchase of the Ford Training and Development Center (FTDC). The FTDC purchase has been completed. We are now ready to move forward with the Engineering Laboratory Building Expansion and Renovation, Phase Two of the Science and Engineering Expansion and Renovation Project. The project is part of the $55,000,000 FY2002 State Capital Outlay request for the Dearborn Campus.

A 46,000 gross square foot building is proposed. The facility will be two floors, plus a lower level for mechanical equipment, and will consist of approximately 31,600 net square feet of space to accommodate the Institute for Advanced Vehicle Systems, laboratories, seminar rooms and faculty offices. This new facility will provide undergraduate and graduate students with access to modern facilities in vehicle ergonomics, automotive powertrains, and vehicle electronics. In addition the new facility will allow faculty and students to engage in large-scale, sponsored research projects.

The cost of the project is estimated to be $12,600,000. Through its Building Authority, the State will fund seventy-five percent of the cost of the project. The University of Michigan-Dearborn will fund the balance of the project costs (twenty-five percent). 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. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Summer 2004 and be completed in Spring 2006.

We recommend the Regents approve the schematic design for the University of Michigan-Dearborn Engineering Building Expansion and Renovation, Phase Two of the Science and Engineering Expansion and Renovation Project as presented at the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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