

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Couzens Hall
Fire Alarm System Upgrade

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

Constructed in 1925, with a large addition added in 1956, Couzens Hall is a 180,000 gross square foot, five-story residence hall with 591 beds. The existing fire detection and alarm system will be upgraded to meet current codes and standards, including those set by the Americans with Disabilities Act. There will be a significant increase in the number of resident rooms outfitted to alert the hearing impaired. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$950,000. Funding will be provided from University Housing resources and investment proceeds. 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. The University of Michigan, Plant Extension – Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2005.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Couzens Hall Fire Alarm System Upgrade 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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