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

Action Requested: Authorization to Issue the Project for Bids and Award Construction Contracts

Background:

At the October 2003 meeting, the Regents approved the schematic design for the Engineering Laboratory Building Expansion and Renovation, Phase Two of the Science and Engineering Expansion and Renovation Project.

A 46,000 gross square foot building is proposed. The facility will have two floors and 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 to study vehicle ergonomics, automotive power trains, and vehicle electronics.

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 cost (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 be completed in Summer 2006.

We recommend the Regents authorize issuing the University of Michigan-Dearborn Engineering Laboratory Building Expansion and Renovation project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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