Subject: School of Nursing Building
Renovations to First Floor of North Wing

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

In order to accommodate the increasing number of undergraduate, second-career and graduate students, the School of Nursing needs a larger clinical skills laboratory. The current clinical skills laboratory was established in 1988 and includes a Physical Assessment Lab (PAL) and a Nursing Skills Lab (NSL) in a single suite. Approximately 9,000 gross square feet on the first floor will be renovated to expand the PAL into seven private examination rooms, a demonstration room and an intensive care unit. The NSL will be expanded to accommodate eleven beds and patient lift equipment. The project will also renovate two classrooms, two seminar rooms, and a corridor, and update audio-visual technology. 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 $1,600,000. Funding will be provided from School of Nursing and Provost Office resources. 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 School of Nursing Building Renovations to First Floor of North Wing 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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