

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

March 20, 2008

Subject: Vera Baits II  
Mechanical Infrastructure Renewal

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

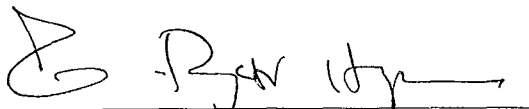
Constructed in 1967, the five building, 174,600 gross square foot Vera Baits II complex houses approximately 540 undergraduate students in suite-style rooms. As part of the Residential Life Initiatives presented to the Regents in September 2004, this project will address infrastructure needs at Vera Baits II.

The proposed project will add air conditioning to the common area lounges and update elements of the aging mechanical infrastructure. Major infrastructure improvements include replacement of the central boiler, heating and ventilating units, toilet exhaust system, and domestic water heating system, along with replacement of the majority of water, vent and waste piping in the five buildings. 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 \$4,600,000. Funding will be provided from Housing 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 Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction will be done in phases in order to minimize disruptions to residence operations, and is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2009.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Vera Baits II Mechanical Infrastructure Renewal 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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