

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

November 20, 2008

Subject: Thomas Francis, Jr., Public Health Building  
Infrastructure and Finishes Renewal

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

Constructed in 1971, the Thomas Francis, Jr., Public Health Building is a nine-story, approximately 172,000 gross square foot facility housing classrooms, laboratories, offices, and support spaces for the School of Public Health. The electrical needs in the building have grown to exceed the available capacity, and many of the finishes are in need of renewal to update the interior of the building.

The proposed infrastructure project will upgrade the building's electrical system to provide additional power for computers in faculty and staff offices, and upgrade the emergency power system to meet current codes and standards. Architectural finish updates will include painting offices and corridors and replacing the furniture in classrooms, faculty and staff offices and support spaces. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. Although there will be a temporary loss of some adjacent parking spaces during construction, there will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$9,475,000. Funding will be provided from School of Public Health 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 architectural firm of Integrated Design Solutions, LLC will design the project. A phased construction schedule is planned in order to minimize disruption to the academic calendar with construction to be completed in the fall of 2011.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Thomas Francis, Jr., Public Health Building Infrastructure and Finishes 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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