

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
September 15, 2011

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan–Flint
William R. Murchie Science Building Renovation

Action

Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

Constructed in 1988, the William R. Murchie Science Building on the University of Michigan–Flint campus is an approximately 193,000-gross-square-foot building housing departments in the College of Arts and Sciences including: biology; chemistry and biochemistry; computer science, engineering, and physics; earth and resource science; mathematics; and psychology. The University of Michigan–Flint proposes to upgrade the classrooms and laboratories within the building to expand its programs, better prepare K-12 science teachers, excite younger students about science programs, and better prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. 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.

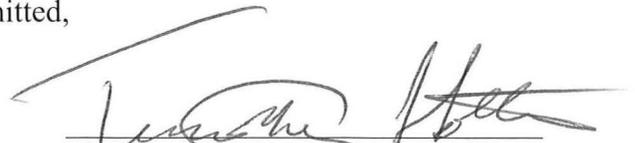
The estimated cost of the project is \$22,170,000. The project is part of the fiscal year 2011 capital outlay request to the State of Michigan. Once construction is authorized by the state legislature, the state will fund \$16,627,500 of the project and the university will fund the balance with University of Michigan–Flint 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 Board of Regents. The architectural firm SmithGroup will design the project. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule, when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University of Michigan–Flint William R. Murchie Science Building Renovation project as described and authorize commissioning SmithGroup for its design.

Respectfully submitted,



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