

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Chrysler Center for Continuing Engineering Education
Auditorium Renovations

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

In 1996 the College of Engineering began renovations to the Chrysler Center. These have included upgrades of the building's mechanical system, roof repairs, creation of new classrooms and office suites. One area of the Chrysler Center that has not been renovated is its main auditorium.

The Chrysler Auditorium is a 2,900 gross square foot theatre-style room that seats 233. It is the College of Engineering's and North Campus' largest auditorium/classroom and is used for lectures, movie screenings and meetings.

The proposed renovation will maintain current seating capacity. It will improve sight lines for the audience in the rear, improve handicap accessibility, and accommodate state-of-the-art technology (e.g., modern projection and sound systems, reprogrammable lighting scenarios, raisable whiteboards and chalkboards, multi-screen setups). The renovation will achieve other qualitative improvements in the areas of acoustics, lighting, and sound isolation.

The project is estimated to cost \$800,000 with funding from the College of Engineering. The project will be designed by Harley Ellington Design. Construction will begin in Spring 1999 and is expected to be completed in Fall 1999.

We recommend the Regents approve the project as described.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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