

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: School of Social Work
Conference Center

Action

Requested: Approval of Budget, Authorization to Issue the Project for Bids and Award a Construction Contract

Background:

At the June 1999 meeting, the Regents approved initiating the design of the unfinished first floor shell space in the School of Social Work Building for a conference center that could host a variety of national and international gatherings. This pavilion area will hold up to 80 people in multiple configurations of both classroom and conference spaces and will deploy state of the art audio/visual and distance learning systems. Evening conferences and classroom use of the facility will not adversely affect parking in the area.

The Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative in conjunction with Steele Engineering Associates, for mechanical and electrical engineering, and Pyramid Systems, for audio/visual systems, have prepared the design and construction documents. Approximately 6,000 gross sq. ft. will be affected, including the conference center, adjacent egress elements, and the building's mechanical room.

Construction is estimated to cost \$875,000 with the budget as follows:

Construction	\$628,000
Fees (Professional & UM)	170,000
Telecommunications	15,500
Construction Contingency	<u>61,500</u>
Subtotal Construction Project	\$875,000

In addition, furnishings and equipment costs total \$425,000, bringing the total project cost to \$1,300,000.

Funding will be shared equally by the School of Social Work and Central Administration. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, from tax-exempt debt previously issued and supported by student fees. Construction will start in April 2000 and will take approximately nine months to complete.

We recommend the Regents approve the budget of the School of Social Work Conference Center, authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding a construction contract providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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