

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Hill Auditorium Renewal Project

Action

Requested: Approval of Revised Budget and Authorization to Issue the Project for Bids and Award Construction Contracts

Background:

The Regents approved the design of the Hill Auditorium Renewal Project in June 2001. The project addresses our stewardship responsibility through building renewal and focuses on improvements that enhance the audience's experience. The exterior of the building remains the same as presented at the June 2001 meeting. Fundraising activities now allows for the creation of a lower-level lobby as well. This new lower-level lobby will significantly enhance the intermission experience as well as enable special functions to take place in Hill Auditorium. In addition, the total number of women's public restroom facilities will be increased from ten to twenty-two.

With the addition of the lower-level lobby work, the amount of the recommended project budget is increased to \$38.6 million. Funding will be provided from a combination of central administration sources and gifts. 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 project will be bid in multiple phases with construction work beginning in May 2002. Project completion is scheduled for the Fall of 2003.

Because of the significance of the Hill facility, we will present the interior design scheme of the main hall and new lower-level lobby during the December Regents' meeting.

We recommend the Regents approve the Hill Auditorium Renewal revised budget, and authorize receiving bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved revised budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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