

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Modern Language Building, Hill Auditorium, Burton Tower
Chiller and Electrical Substation Upgrade

Action
Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The existing absorber chillers now serving the Modern Language Building are more than 30 years old and have reached the end of their useful life. The existing electrical substation is not sufficient to serve Hill Auditorium and Burton Tower. This project will expand the existing Modern Language Building basement area after renovation is complete to the east with a 4,000 gross square foot subterranean addition under the Ingalls Mall. The project will provide for required site utilities, and replace the existing chillers with three new electric centrifugal chillers, install a new electrical substation and a new emergency generator. The entire project will affect approximately 11,500 gross square feet of space in the mechanical spaces of the Modern Language Building, and include restoration of Ingalls Mall. We do not anticipate any impact on parking associated with this renovation.

The estimated cost of this project is \$5,500,000 with funding provided from Utilities and central administration. The University of Michigan, Plant Extension, in collaboration with Cummins & Barnard, Inc. of Ann Arbor, will design the project. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2001 and be completed in twelve months.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Modern Language Building, Hill Auditorium, Burton Tower - Chiller and Electrical Substation Upgrade project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved 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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