

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Vera Baits II
Fire Detection Alarm System Upgrade

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

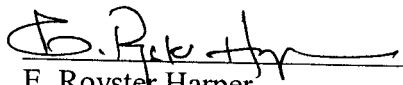
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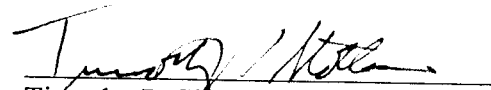
Vera Baits II consists of five residence halls constructed in 1967 that house 400 residents. The existing fire detection alarm system was installed over thirty years ago, and has nearly reached the end of its useful life. This project will install a system in each building that meets current codes and standards, including those set by the Americans with Disabilities Act. There will be a significant increase in the number of residence rooms outfitted to alert the hearing impaired.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000. Funding will be provided from currently available University Housing reserves. 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. Riverside Fire and Security, Inc., the fire alarm prime vendor for the University of Michigan, Plant Extension Department, will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2003. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Vera Baits II Fire Detection Alarm System 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,


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