

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Cook Legal Research Library  
Smith Library Renovation Project

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The underground Smith Addition to the Law Library, completed in 1981, was originally constructed with portions of the interior space "shelled" or unfinished with the intention of allowing future growth. To accommodate growth in collections, we propose to complete a portion of this space (4,800 square feet), on Level Sub-3, which will include new architectural, mechanical and electrical systems to match the quality of the existing finished space on the same level. This project will incorporate the use of compact shelving systems for maximum storage efficiency and will also include work to update related spaces to current code regulations. This project will not have an impact on parking.

The total project cost is estimated at approximately \$1,500,000 with funding provided by the Law School. DiClemente Siegel Design, Inc. was involved in the design of the original structure and is, therefore, recommended to complete the design of this project. The design effort will take place through calendar year 2002 permitting construction to be completed by the Fall of 2003.

We recommend the Regents approve the Smith Library Renovation 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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