

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Undergraduate Science Building

Action

Requested: Authorization to Issue the Project for Bids and Award Construction Contracts

Background:

In December 2001, the Board of Regents approved the appointment of Venturi Scott Brown Associates, Inc. together with the SmithGroup, Inc. as the architects for the Science Instruction Center now referred to as the Undergraduate Science Building. In April 2002, the Board approved the schematic design.

A 140,000 gross square foot building will be constructed. The facility will have four floors and a penthouse for mechanical equipment. The building will house instructional laboratories and classrooms for interdisciplinary science courses and upper division courses for the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), the Life Sciences, Values and Society Program, and undergraduate and graduate Neuroscience programs, as well as support space. In addition, there will be public spaces to create a welcoming environment for student and faculty interaction. When completed the Palmer Drive Parking Structure will accommodate the increase in parking demand for this building, the Life Sciences Institute building, the commons and space lost due to construction.

The estimated cost of the project is \$61,000,000. Funding will be provided from Central Administration. 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. A phased construction schedule is planned in order to accelerate completion of the project with construction scheduled to be complete in December 2005.

We recommend the Regents authorize issuing the Undergraduate Science Building project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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