

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers (UMHHC)
Vestibular Testing Center Equipment Replacement and Expansion

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Vestibular Testing Center (VTC), located on Level One of the Med Inn Building, provides evaluation and therapeutic management of patients whose primary complaints include dizziness and/or unsteadiness. The evaluation and management program in the VTC has been experiencing steady growth in the number of patients, and future growth is projected. Changes in technology, as well as new regulations regarding patient privacy have made the existing space inadequate. This project will address patient care, privacy, and increase the efficiency of clinical operations.

A 2,100 gross square foot renovation is planned. The proposed renovations will provide additional seating space in the waiting area, sound isolation between the waiting area and the receptionists, improved work areas for staff for greater efficiency and communication, and space for new clinical and research equipment. The construction work will be completed in three phases to allow the suite to remain operational during construction. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

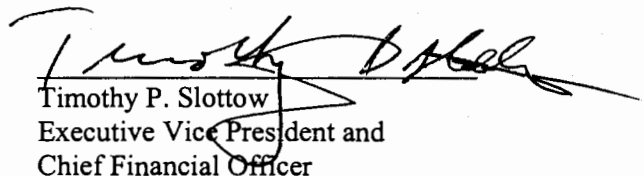
The estimated cost of the project is \$753,000. Funding will be provided from Hospitals and Health Centers' resources. Initially, the project may be financed by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. The architectural firm of Gunn Levine Architects will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2005.

We recommend that the Regents approve the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers - Vestibular Testing Center Equipment Replacement and Expansion 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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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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