THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents January 21, 2010

ACTION REQUEST

Subject:	Regental Action Required Under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute
<u>Action</u> <u>Requested:</u>	Authorization for the University of Michigan to Enter into a Lease Amendment Agreement with First Properties (University of Michigan Athletic Director William C. Martin, owner)

Background:

The University of Michigan wishes to enter into a lease amendment agreement for 63,920 square feet of property located 2301 Commonwealth, to be leased from First Properties. The space will be utilized for various University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers groups.

The proposed lease amendment agreement falls under the State of Michigan conflict of interest statute as William C. Martin is a University of Michigan employee and would be a party to the lease amendment agreement by virtue of his ownership of First Properties. However, the statute allows university employees to participate in such lease agreements, if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the lease amendment agreement to the official body that has power to approve the lease amendment agreement, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The lease amendment agreement is approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the approving body in open session without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure.
- c) The official body discloses the following summary information in its official minutes:
 - i) The name of each party involved in the lease amendment agreement.
 - ii) The terms of the lease amendment agreement, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the lease amendment agreement, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the lease amendment agreement.
 - iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.

The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the lease amendment agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan and First Properties.
- ii) The service to be provided is the lease amendment agreement of 63,920 square feet in a building at 2301 Commonwealth for two years, beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013, at a monthly rate of \$109,197. Tenant will be responsible for all utilities plus janitorial service. Tenant will be responsible for a portion of the operating expenses of the building and tenant improvements not to exceed \$50,000.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that William C. Martin, a University of Michigan employee, is an owner of First Properties.

William C. Martin has met state law requirements with the disclosure of his pecuniary interest, and his formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the lease amendment agreement between the University of Michigan and First Properties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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