THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents March 15, 2012

ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

School of Nursing

New Building

Action

Requested:

Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The School of Nursing is a top-ranked, world-recognized program committed to improving the health and well-being of patients and communities through education, research, and service. The school is currently housed in the School of Nursing Building at 400 North Ingalls Street that was constructed in 1913 for use as a hospital and purchased by the university in 1977. The existing building structure is suitable for individual offices, classrooms, and research space, but has significant limitations to support contemporary educational needs.

The School of Nursing is proposing to construct a new building of approximately 75,000 gross square feet to accommodate its instructional space needs, including a clinical learning center with simulation and skill labs, and simulated patient suites in an environment that will foster collaboration and community. The new building will include space for a small number of faculty offices and limited administrative functions. The proposed site (see attachment) is located near the existing location. With the growth in academic and research programs and increases in student enrollment, the School of Nursing anticipates adding approximately 40 faculty and staff members in the next five to ten years. Approximately 125 parking spaces will be lost due to this project. To address this, we will be increasing parking in the medical center area and continuing to utilize transit service to bring in faculty, staff, and students from remote parking areas.

The estimated cost of the project is \$50,000,000. Funding will be provided from investment proceeds. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of RDG Planning and Design will design the project. Design is scheduled to begin immediately, and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the School of Nursing New Building project as described and authorize commissioning RDG Planning and Design for its design.

Respectfully submitted.

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Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

March 2012 Attachment

