

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Leinweber Computer Science and Information Building

Action

Requested: Approval of Schematic Design and Authorization to Proceed with Construction

Background:

At the February 2020 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the Bob and Betty Beyster Addition project and the appointment of Integrated Design Solutions, Inc. in association with Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects as the architects for its design. At the October 2021 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the naming of the Leinweber Computer Science and Information Building. This proposed building of approximately 163,000 gross square feet will provide expansion space for the Computer Science and Engineering Department and also provide space to relocate the School of Information to North Campus. This new state-of-the-art facility will strengthen the collaboration between the two disciplines to develop breakthrough technologies, conduct innovative research, and facilitate an innovative learning environment for students. The facility will consist of active learning instructional space, flexible dry research labs, office and student services space for both units. The scope of this project includes the architectural, electrical, and mechanical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. Although there will be a temporary loss of some adjacent parking spaces during construction, there will be no permanent impact on parking from this project. These parking needs will be accommodated by existing parking and transportation services.

The estimated cost of the project is \$145,000,000. This project is part of the Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Outlay Request to the State of Michigan known as the Computer Science and Engineering and School of Information Addition. Construction was authorized by the State legislature in Public Act 257 of 2020. The State will fund approximately 20% of the project and the university will fund the balance with Office of the Provost, College of Engineering, and School of Information resources, including a generous naming gift of \$25,000,000. 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 project is expected to provide an average of 116 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2025.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the schematic design for the Leinweber Computer Science and Information Building project as presented at the meeting and authorize proceeding with construction provided that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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