

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: On Campus Solar Installation

Action

Requested: Authorization for the University to enter into a contract with Radial Power

Background:

The University of Michigan is deeply committed to climate action, sustainability, and environmental justice. These values are reflected as a core impact area in the presidential initiative Vision 2034, and reinforce our shared commitment to carbon neutrality. In February, U-M announced plans to build 25 megawatts (MW) of photovoltaics across the Dearborn, Flint, and Ann Arbor campuses. Radial Power was selected through a comprehensive RFP process. Large rooftops, existing parking decks, and parking lots will be prioritized for this project, with flexibility to consider ground-mounted arrays. The total amount of electricity that would be generated by the installations is estimated to equal the power consumed by approximately 3,000 homes annually.

The estimated cost of the contract is \$70,850,000. Funding will be provided from General Fund resources, bond proceeds, and recovered through internal utility rates. The 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. Installations will be phased over a 36 month period.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the contract with Radial Power for the On Campus Solar Installation and begin implementation of this project.

Respectfully submitted,



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