

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: James B. Angell Hall and Tisch Hall
Chiller Replacement

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Tisch Hall chiller plant is part of a chilled water loop serving the Angell–Mason–Haven–Tisch complex and is connected to the Chemistry–Mason–Tisch chiller plant to allow for shared redundancy. The existing 600-ton steam absorption chiller has reached the end of its reliable service life. This equipment will be replaced with an electric heat recovery chiller and related pumps. Cooling towers will also be refurbished. Replacement with an electric heat recovery chiller will result in energy savings, reduced operational and maintenance costs, and increased reliability and will support the university goal to utilize renewable electricity. The scope of this project includes the architectural, electrical, and mechanical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$6,000,000. Funding will be provided from Utilities resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond or note proceeds, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of Integrated Design Solutions designed the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2027.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the James B. Angell Hall and Tisch Hall Chiller Replacement 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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Chief Financial Officer

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