

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
November 18, 2010

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Modern Languages Building
Second Floor and Basement Renovation

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

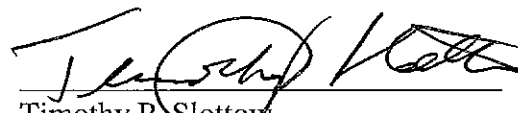
Background:

The Modern Languages Building (MLB) houses classrooms and administrative operations for nine departments in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA), as well as studios for the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. With the move of the Language Resource Center from MLB to the recently opened North Quadrangle Residential and Academic Complex (North Quad), LSA proposes a project to relocate its Instructional Support Services Media Center from leased space to vacated space on the second floor of MLB. The project will also relocate the LSA Department of Screen Arts and Cultures Film Editing group from the Argus Building to vacant space on the basement level, in closer proximity to the department's home at North Quad. A renovation of approximately 24,000 gross square feet is planned that will create classrooms, offices, film editing rooms, storage and common areas for the relocated units. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. We estimate an additional 12 parking spaces will be needed for this project. These parking needs will be accommodated by existing capacity within the Fletcher Street and Palmer Drive parking structures.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,000,000. Funding will be provided from College of Literature, Science, and the Arts resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by 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 University of Michigan Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2011.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Modern Languages Building Second Floor and Basement Renovation 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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