THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents
April 21, 2011

Subject:

North Campus Support Facility

Action

Requested:

Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

In order to meet increased demand for research computing and data storage capacity in a cost-effective and efficient manner, the university's Information and Technology Services (ITS) developed a long-term strategic plan to provide that support. Consistent with that plan, ITS now proposes placing a data center on North Campus in the area of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. The project will consist of a modular data center, an approximately 700 gross square foot facility that will provide support space with benches for setup and repair of equipment, and the necessary mechanical, electrical and data infrastructure. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$6,200,000. Funding will be provided from investment proceeds. 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 architectural firm of Integrated Design Solutions, LLC, will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2012.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the North Campus Support Facility 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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Executive Vice President and

Chief Einancial Officer

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