THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents December 13, 2012

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Martha Cook Building Fire Suppression System Installation

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

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Background:

Constructed in 1915, the Martha Cook Building is a 61,000-gross-square-foot four-story structure housing approximately 140 women students. As part of the ongoing Residential Life Initiative, this project will address life safety needs in Martha Cook while preserving the architectural quality of the historic building's interior. A fire suppression system will be installed throughout the building, and the existing fire alarm system will be modified to integrate it with the fire suppression system. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,300,000. Funding will be provided from Housing resources. 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 architectural firm of Lord Aeck & Sargent Inc. will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 17 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2013.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the Martha Cook Building Fire Suppression System Installation 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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