

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Medical Science Unit I
Anechoic Chamber Relocation Renovations

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

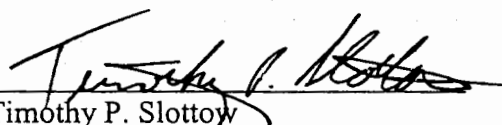
The Auditory Prosthesis Perception and Psychophysics Laboratories of the Department of Otolaryngology conducts research to understand the mechanisms of electrically-induced hearing to identify ways to improve the function of auditory prostheses, employing sound booths and an anechoic chamber to study functional responses to electrical stimulation under a variety of conditions. As part of our long-range goals to allow for the future demolition of the Kresge buildings, this project will relocate the existing anechoic chamber laboratory from the Kresge complex to suitable space on the second level of Medical Science Unit I.

An approximately 4,000 gross square foot renovation is planned. The scope of this project includes the relocation of the existing audiometric booths, the installation of a new anechoic chamber, and 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 \$900,000. Funding will be provided from Medical School 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 Regents. The University of Michigan Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2006.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Medical Science Unit I Anechoic Chamber Relocation Renovations 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 Financial Officer

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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