## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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## **ACTION REQUEST**

Subject:

University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers (UMHHC)

University Hospital

Observation Unit Renovation

Action

Requested:

Approval to Proceed with Project

## Background:

The UMHHC proposes to renovate space on level one of University Hospital to establish an observation unit designed for adult medical and surgical patients needing short-term care or assessment in a setting that does not require an inpatient bed. The establishment of an observation unit is one of several UMHHC strategies to accommodate growth in inpatient care. Approximately 8,300 gross square feet of space will be renovated to relocate the Admissions and Business Services offices that will be displaced by the project and to create thirteen observation bays. 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 \$2,900,000 including \$860,000 for moveable equipment and furnishings. Funding will be provided from Hospitals and Health Centers' 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 architectural firm of Integrated Design Solutions will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2006.

We recommend that the Regents approve the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers University Hospital Observation Unit Renovation project as described, authorize commissioning the architectural firm of Integrated Design Solutions for its design, 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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