

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Building
Renovation Project

Action Requested: Authorization to Issue Project for Bids and Award Construction Contract

Background:

At the June meeting in 1999, the Regents approved the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Building Renovation Project and appointment of the Smith Group as architect. A \$4 million initial phase has focused on exterior infrastructure as approved in December 1999. The exterior project is almost complete and needs such as roof repairs, rehabilitated windows and doors, terrace work, and general safety issues are being addressed.

We have now identified a \$24.2 million project that will upgrade all major infrastructure within the 173,000 square foot building and accommodate certain programmatic improvements to the ground, first and third floors. Technology improvements will include internet connections for the east and west study halls on the second floor, and east and west rooms on the fourth floor. In addition, internet connections and audiovisual enhancements will be provided for the fourth floor amphitheater. The project does not include any additions or significant changes to the exterior of this historic building.

There will be no increase in parking at the conclusion of this renovation project since the number of building occupants will remain the same. Existing programs in Rackham will be relocated to off-site leased space and south campus. Therefore, while the project is under construction, demand for parking on the central campus will be reduced as a result of this project.

Funding for the \$24.2 million project will be provided from a combination of central administration sources and Rackham School of Graduate Studies funds. 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. Construction will begin in late May 2001 and be complete by spring of 2003.

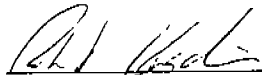
We recommend the Regents authorize issuing the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Building Renovation Project for bids, and awarding a construction contract providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

April 2001

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