

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

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

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Appointment of Architect

Background:

In 1996, an infrastructure study of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Building was undertaken by the original architectural firm, SHG Incorporated. The study documented the existing conditions of the structure and provided a comprehensive plan for the renewal of the 1938 building.

The infrastructure study identified the work necessary to update the systems and elements of the building. More recently Rackham Administration has prepared a program statement that speaks to the academic needs of the programs housed in the building. The building is proposed to function generally as it has over the years. Improvements are planned for the general office areas, the central galleries, the lecture rooms, the study lounges and the auditorium.

The architectural program has been completed and describes the work necessary to improve the functionality of the building while updating the infrastructure. Accessibility for the disabled, safety, security, and general building code compliance will be a specific focus of the renovation. The overall improvements are estimated to cost approximately \$44 million. We will identify the first phase of this project based on academic needs, structural need prioritization, and the logical sequencing of work. At a future meeting we will present the proposed first phase of the project, the estimated cost, and identify the source of funds.

We recommend the Regents approve the Horace Rackham School of Graduate Studies Renovation Project and authorize commissioning the firm of SHG Incorporated for its design and construction drawings as well as recommendations regarding phasing of the project.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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