THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject:

The University of Michigan-Dearborn

Fiscal Year 2001 Capital Outlay Submission

Background:

In November 1999, UM-Dearborn submitted to the State the Capital Outlay Request for fiscal year 2001. The request submission requirements were substantially different from previous years. Due to the change in the process and the short time frame for submissions, the State asked for a good-faith effort, recognizing the plan will continue to develop. New requirements for the submission process included the development of a 5-year capital outlay request, which included new requirements for identifying special maintenance needs. The plan will be updated and submitted annually. The Capital Outlay Request included three projects.

Our highest priority is the Expansion and Renovation of Science and Engineering Buildings Project. The Science Building was constructed in 1959. While there have been a number of renovations over the years, the existing mechanical and electrical systems date back to the original construction and are unable to service the needs of today's educators, especially in rapidly changing disciplines such as molecular biology. A 25.000 net square foot addition to the Science Building will be constructed to meet the growing demand for biological and environmental science and science education.

The College of Engineering and Computer Science's need for instructional space and research facilities has expanded greatly in the last four years. The College has experienced a significant increase in enrollment during this period and has added eight new degree programs. Several more degree programs are currently being developed in cooperation with the manufacturing community. The Engineering Laboratory Building will have a 55,000 net square foot addition to house the Engineering Professional Development program, the Institute for Advanced Vehicle Systems, and undergraduate and graduate laboratories for electrical and computer engineering, and computer science. The expanded facility will also include study and research space for undergraduate and graduate students as well as project research areas for research assistants, post-doctoral fellows and visiting industrial scientists and engineers. The estimated cost of the Expansion and Renovation of Science and Engineering Buildings Project is \$35 million. The State of Michigan has granted planning authorization for this project through Act 265 of the Public Acts of 1999.

Our second priority is the Central Campus Renewal Project. This would include renovation of the Student Services Center to accommodate Child Development Center classrooms, offices, and support functions. It would also include renovation of the School of Education building to include a curriculum laboratory and assessment center. Mechanical and electrical systems will be upgraded in both buildings. Estimated project cost is \$8 million.

Our third priority is the Mardigian Library Addition. UM-Dearborn plans to construct an 80,000 gross square foot addition to the Mardigian Library and renovate certain interior spaces. The existing building, constructed in 1980, cannot adequately meet the electronic information needs of the students.

The new addition will include a multimedia center, a suite of distance learning classrooms, video conferencing space and associated support services. A key element of this new construction will be group study rooms for students and faculty and the electronic resources necessary to support student's collaborative efforts. In addition, a 250 seat auditorium will be built along with general purpose classrooms. The addition will also house the Armenian Research Center, the Oral History Archive, and the campus archives. Estimated cost is \$18 million.

Respectfully submitted,

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