

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan-Dearborn General Campus Renovation Phase III
The University Mall Renovation Project

Action
Requested: Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

At the November 1996 meeting, the Regents approved the General Campus Renovation Phase III (GCRP III) project for the Dearborn Campus. The three components of the project are construction of both the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters building (CASL) and the Environmental Interpretive Center (EIC), and the renovation of the University Mall Building. Both the CASL Building and the EIC are in construction and we would like to begin programming and design for the University Mall renovation. When the CASL Building is completed in Winter 2001, portions of the University Mall will be vacated and we will be able to begin phasing the construction work for this renovation.

The renovation of the 82,400 square foot University Mall Building will provide a central location for students and visitors entering the University of Michigan-Dearborn Campus. The building will be completely renovated to accommodate student services, student organizations and auxiliary services.

Seventy five percent (75%) of the funding is from the State and twenty five percent (25%) is from UM-Dearborn. The UM-Dearborn portion will be financed, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the \$120 million commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues and authorized by the Regents. The University Mall renovation project is estimated to cost \$10,938,000, which equals the balance remaining in the \$46.9 million GCRP III project.

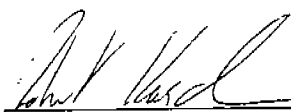
An architect selection committee reviewed proposals from many architectural firms experienced with the design of student centers and higher education facility projects. After interviewing four firms, the committee is recommending the Regents approve the firm of Neumann Smith & Associates, from Southfield, MI based on their demonstrated sensitivity to the objectives for this project.

We recommend the Regents approve commissioning the firm of Neumann Smith & Associates for design of this project.

Respectfully Submitted,



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University of Michigan-Dearborn



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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