## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

## ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

Perry Building Renovation Project

Action

Requested:

Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

## Background:

Act 480 of the Public Acts of 1996 includes a Central Campus Renovation Phase II Project for the Ann Arbor Campus of the University valued at \$79 million. The project is intended to focus on improvements to infrastructure and is comprised of the following five components:

- Perry Building	\$ 8 million
- Literature, Sciences, and the Arts Building	\$22 million
- Frieze Building	\$28 million
- Mason Hall and Haven Hall	\$16 million
- West Hall	\$ 5 million
TOTAL	\$79 million

We are prepared to begin the programming and design for the Perry Building Renovation Project. This component of the overall State project will renovate the building's approximately 59,000 gross square feet. All of the net area within the building will be assigned to the following three departments:

- Sociology and American Culture LS&A
- Center for Research on Social Organization (CRSO) LS&A
- Population Studies Institute for Social Research (ISR)

The State will fund \$6,000,000 (seventy-five percent of the authorized \$8,000,000) and the University will fund \$2,000,000 (twenty-five percent). The University share is provided through the issuance of tax-exempt debt secured by a pledge of General Revenues to be paid from student fees. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the \$120 million program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents.

A committee, consisting of representatives from LS&A, was formed to select an architect for the project. Proposals were requested from nine architectural firms. The committee reviewed the proposals, interviewed three firms and is recommending Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, Architecture & Engineering, P.C. from Albany, New York. They in turn will involve Quinn Evans/Architects on certain aspects of the effort.

We recommend the Regents approve the Perry Building Renovation Project and authorize contracting with the firm of Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, Architecture & Engineering P.C. for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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