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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

Hutchins Hall

Classroom 138 and Administrative Office Space Renovation

Action

Requested:

Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Law School proposes to update Classroom 138 and convert the existing locker room into administrative office space. The project will renovate approximately 6,500 gross square feet within Hutchins Hall to address function, acoustics, accessibility and technology. The classroom will be reoriented to reduce the distance between students and instructor, and flexible in design, so it may function both as a classroom for sixty persons or a seminar room for fifteen. Audio-visual equipment will be installed to allow for multiple teaching techniques. Electrical and mechanical upgrades include providing power outlets at student seats, a communication closet with appropriate ventilation and cooling capacity, and the addition of air conditioning. The existing student locker room will be converted into an administrative office area that will provide seven offices, a conference room, work areas and an open floor area to accommodate sixteen open office cubicles. The scope of this project includes all architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplishment these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,680,000. Funding will be provided from Law School resources. 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. The architectural firm of Integrated Design Solutions will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Winter 2007.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Hutchins Hall Classroom 138 and Administrative Office Space Renovation project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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