THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents October 19, 2012

ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

University of Michigan-Flint

William R. Murchie Science Building Renovation

Action

Requested:

Approval of Schematic Design

Background:

At the September 2011 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the University of Michigan-Flint William R. Murchie Science Building Renovation project and the appointment of Smith Group/JJR as the architect for its design. A revitalization of the classrooms and laboratories in the Murchie Science Building is critical to expanding programs that will better prepare K-12 science teachers as well as students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. A renovation of approximately 85,000 gross square feet of space is planned that will add instructional labs for chemistry and biology and associated support spaces. The renovation will also update the building's infrastructure, including a new fire alarm system, new emergency generator, upgraded telecommunications cabling, and select mechanical, lighting, exterior envelope, and accessibility improvements. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$22,170,000. The project is part of the fiscal year 2011 capital outlay request to the State of Michigan. Construction was authorized by the State legislature in Public Act 192 of 2012. The State will fund seventy-five percent of the project and the university will fund the balance with University of Michigan-Flint resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The project is expected to provide an average of 29 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2015.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the schematic design for the University of Michigan-Flint William R. Murchie Science Building Renovation project as presented at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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