

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

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	ACTION APPROVED BY THE REGENTS
NOTE:	APR 21 2005

Subject: Subcontract Agreement between the University of Michigan and Internet 2

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office of Contract Administration while reviewing a subcontract proposal to Internet 2 that then triggered a review by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was developed by the committee and agreed to by the parties involved in this plan.

The proposed research agreement (Agreement) falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Dr. Douglas Van Houweling is both President and CEO of Internet2 and an employee of the University. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the executive officers and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote of the Regents.

Background:

Dr. Douglas Van Houweling, Professor of Information at the School of Information, is President and CEO of a not-for-profit company, Internet 2. The University wishes to enter into a subcontract agreement with Internet 2 to support a project under the direction of Dr. Barbara Mirel a research investigator in the School of Information. Dr. Russ Hobby and Dr. George Brett are Co-Principal Investigators for the project at Internet 2. Dr. Van Houweling will not be participating in this project in his capacity as an employee of the University or as an employee of Internet 2.

Nature of the Project:

The University of Michigan and Internet 2 submitted a proposal for funding to the National Science Foundation and the project was funded. The University now wishes to enter into a subcontract with Internet 2 in order to provide services under the University of Michigan grant and to complete the work.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The project will be conducted over a one-year period at an estimated total cost of \$34,534 including indirect cost at 30%.

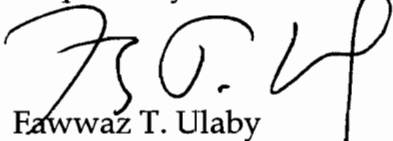
Impact of the Agreement:

This Agreement enables the researchers to put together a two-day workshop to address the "Wizard Gap" involved in networking problems experienced by the scientific application community. The workshop will involve multiple discipline communities. It will be the first workshop to simultaneously address this gap from both the network engineering standpoint, and the network expert (or wizard) point of view, and also will be significant in bringing together these experts with members of scientific research communities that use demanding, network-driven applications, along with developers of these applications and campus network engineers.

Recommendation:

This project has been reviewed and approved by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the agreement conforms to standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve of the University's entering into this Agreement with Internet 2.

Respectfully submitted,



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