

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Regental Action Required Under the State of
Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to transact with Arbor Medical Innovations
LLC, (University of Michigan Employees, Grant Kruger, Steven Harte, partial
owners)

Background:

The University of Michigan Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology seeks approval to transact with Arbor Medical Innovations, LLC ("Arbor Medical") for the purchase of multimodal automated sensory testing ("MAST") devices used to measure persistent post-operative pelvic pain in patients who had a hysterectomy.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Grant Kruger is a University employee as Assistant Research Scientist with the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Steven Harte is a University employee as Assistant Research Scientist with the Department of Internal Medicine-Anesthesiology, and would be parties to the contract as Partial Owners of Arbor Medical.

However, the Statute allows the University to enter into such agreements if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the contract to the official body which has power to approve the purchase, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The purchase is approved by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the full membership of the approving body in open session without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure.
- c) The official body discloses the following summary information in its official minutes:
 - i) The name of each party involved in the contract.
 - ii) The terms of the purchase, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the purchase, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the purchase.
 - iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.

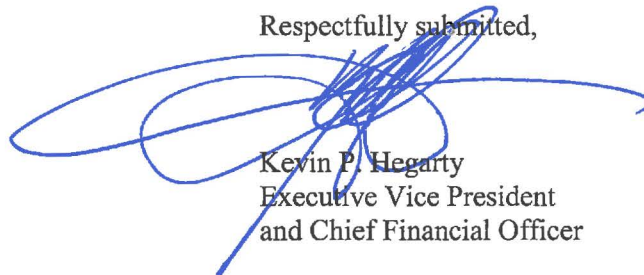
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Arbor Medical.
- ii) The agreement is for a one-time purchase of two MAST devices for a total cost of \$16,542. Arbor Medical will be supplying all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this contract. The remaining base contract terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services standard templates for other similar contracts entered into by the Regents.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employees, Grant Kruger and Steven Harte, are partial owners of Arbor Medical.

Grant Kruger and Steven Harte have met state law requirements with the disclosure of their pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisors of Grant Kruger and Steven Harte under the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee's procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the agreement between the University of Michigan and Arbor Medical subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisors of Grant Kruger and Steven Harte or the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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