

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Trustee Finance Committee

From: Kemel W. Dawkins 
Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities

Subject: **Authorization to Plan**
Packaging Building - First Floor Renovations

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for the project entitled Packaging Building - First Floor Renovations.



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BACKGROUND

Program Need:

For more than 50 years the School of Packaging has been a leader in teaching, research, and outreach focused on packaging containers, materials, their functionality, and improvement. More than half of all packaging graduates employed in the U.S. come from Michigan State University. Key to the future success of the MSU School of Packaging is an overriding commitment to innovation, sustainability, and stewardship.

The Packaging Building was originally constructed in 1964 with an addition in 1987 and totals approximately 50,000 gross square feet of space. The building is generally in good condition, but there has been little modification since its construction. The proposed renovations are focused on creating welcoming, vibrant, and collaborative common areas that will create a place supportive of student and faculty engagement, teaching and learning, and career and professional development. Renovations are expected to include an upgraded lecture hall supportive of emerging technologies and pedagogies; modifications to visiting scientist/faculty offices that encourage and support research and collaboration; and conversion of a storage room to a research laboratory that will support increased need for laboratory space.

General Description of the Project:

The planning of this project is anticipated to include renovation of approximately 8,200 net square feet of space including the 120 seat university lecture hall, offices, and common spaces. The renovations would primarily include new finishes, furniture, technology, and the introduction of natural light into the interior spaces to create a more open environment. It is planned for storage space to be converted into a research laboratory which will include a fume hood, typical casework, and lab utilities. Landscape improvements may also be made to the outdoor courtyard. Any Just-In-Time needs will also be reviewed as part of the planning process.

The Packaging building is located on the south side of Wilson Road between Farm Lane and Red Cedar Road in the central academic district. The project location is consistent with the Campus Master Plan.

Based on an assessment of the factors stated in the Project Planning and Approval process concerning Project Labor Agreements (PLA), the Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities has determined that a PLA would not be required for this project.

Communication Plan:

During the planning phase, the campus community will be given opportunities to provide feedback on the project as it is being designed. Input from the project planning team will be solicited during the design phase.

Preliminary Project Cost Information:

Based on cost experience for similar projects the preliminary project cost estimate is \$1,700,000. This estimate may change as planning progresses and the project scope is further defined.

The source of funds for the project is expected to be gifts. Authorization to proceed is contingent on securing donor funding.

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