

School of Social Work Relocation

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President or his designee, to award design contracts in the amount of \$250,000 for the renovation and improvement of 5447 Woodward necessary to relocate the School of Social Work from Thompson Home. This amount will be funded by the Office of the Provost.

Background and Project Description

The former Detroit Institute for Children building, located at 5447 Woodward, was purchased recently by the University for the purpose of relocating the School of Social Work from the Thompson Home which no longer meets the needs of this growing school. The building is roughly 32,000 gross square feet comprising two stories and a basement.

The project will be completed in two phases as funding becomes available to complete the construction activities. This request for design authorization will be sufficient for the administration to obtain design documents for the full scope of work to be covered in both phases of construction. Phase one scope includes renovation of the basement and all but the East wing of the first and second floors, deferred maintenance projects as required throughout the building, and relocation of faculty and administrative offices to the newly renovated facility. Phase two will include renovation of the East wing and construction of new dedicated classrooms and meeting rooms.

All contracts for this project will be awarded in accordance with University policies and procedures, and with a focus on sustainability