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**UNIVERSITY CONTRACT WITH  
AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION IN WHICH  
A SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY MEMBER PARTICIPATES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Governors authorize the President or his designee to enter into a purchase order agreement with Magnetic Resonance Innovations, Inc. (hereinafter "MR Innovations") related to a master clinical study agreement from the Abbvie Inc.

**BACKGROUND**

E. Mark Haacke, Ph.D., professor of radiology in the School of Medicine, is the president of MR Innovations which is a for-profit organization. Abbvie Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the Primary Agency) has awarded to Wayne State University (AbbVie Contract Number C91205, Protocol No. H16-037) a grant titled "Multiparametric Quantitative White Matter Imaging in Healthy and Multiple Sclerosis Subjects" (hereinafter "Research Program"), with the Wayne State University as the lead institution and MR Innovations as a partner for the project. Work under the agreement will be supported by a prime contract at Wayne State University with a purchase order agreement to MR Innovations.

By entering into a purchase order agreement, MR Innovations will receive up to \$90,000 over an eighteen (18) month period in support for work to be performed by personnel at MR Innovations. The principal investigator on the WSU purchase order agreement is Dr. E. Mark Haacke.

The study will investigate key Magnetic Resonance Imaging-derived measures of white matter pathophysiology in the brain and Optical Coherence Tomography-derived measures of retinal pathophysiology for 1) test-retest variability in healthy subjects (Group 1 only) and 2) the magnitude of longitudinal change associated with disease progression in multiple sclerosis Patients. Dr. Haacke receives no remuneration in this proposal in his position at MR Innovations but does receive support for his position at Wayne State University.

The Financial Conflict of Interest Committee at Wayne State has met and reviewed Dr. Haacke's financial status at MR Innovations and presented him with a contract to sign related to full disclosure for any presentations or representations. Dr. Haacke has agreed to the conditions and signed this contract.

The University does not have any ownership interest in MR Innovations.

Michigan Conflict of interest law requires specific sunshine procedures in order for a University employee, or a company owned by a University employee, to contract directly or indirectly with the University:

- A. The employee must disclose any pecuniary interest in the contract to the Board, and the disclosure must be made a matter of record in the Board's proceedings.
- B. The contract must be approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the Board in open session.
- C. The Board's minutes must report:
  - i. The name of each party involved in the contract.
  - ii. The terms of the contract, including duration, financial consideration between parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the contract, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the contract.
  - iii. The nature of any pecuniary interest.

If the board approves this recommendation, the minutes will report as follows:

The Board of Governors authorizes the President or his designee to contract with MR Innovations, an organization of which Dr. E. Mark Haacke is President, to perform a Abbvie Inc. service a purchase order agreement with standard terms regarding the ownership of inventions developed during the Research Program.

- i. The parties involved in the contract are Wayne State University and MR Innovations.
- ii. The contract will provide that:
  - a. MR Innovations shall perform a service a purchase order agreement in an amount up to \$90,000 (inclusive of standard overhead costs). The University will retain ownership of its discoveries relating to the technology resulting from the Research Program. Any unused funds will remain with the prime contract at the University;
  - b. The term of a purchase order agreement will extend through December 31, 2018 unless extended by the parties. The agreement may be terminated by the University in the event of an uncured breach of the agreement by the MR Innovations;
  - c. An employee of WSU, Prof. E. Mark Haacke, from the Department of Radiology, will function as the principal investigator.
- iii. MR Innovations is a small for-profit entity with stock. It is not a public company. It has no liquid assets.