

**Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
December 4, 2023**

**AQUASIGHT LLC CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT - AMENDED  
A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Academic Affairs, Office of Research Administration
2. **Introduction:** Oakland University and Aquasight LLC, have had a collaboration for a wastewater surveillance program funded by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHSS). Information from this program provides a dashboard for actionable use, indicating not just the presences of COVID, but where the infection is likely to be centered. This research is led by Professor David Szlag in the Department of Chemistry. Aquasight LLC is a subcontractor under the Oakland University grant from the MDHSS. Payments and requested payments to date for the services under the subcontract with Aquasight LLC had totaled \$1,482,516. In support of additional services, requested payments to Aquasight LLC are increased by the corrected amount of \$651,784 to \$2,134,300.
3. **Previous Board Action:** On September 11, 2023, the Board of Trustees approved a not to exceed additional services total of \$2,105,305 and a total contract amount of \$3,191,772. On October 11, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the agreements and modifications to the MDHSS Long-Term Covid-19 Sewage Surveillance Project. On December 5, 2022, the Board approved a purchase order and related agreements to purchase services from Aquasight LLC, in support of Oakland's agreement with MDHSS, in an amount not to exceed \$1,482,516.
4. **Budget Implications:** The project and payments to Aquasight LLC are fully funded through the MDHSS contract in the amount of \$3,220,767 with an end date of June 30, 2024.
5. **Educational Implications:** Research benefits Oakland students in creating a culture where students observe new knowledge being created. Additionally, three undergraduate students are employed in Professor Szlag's lab as part of the investigative team.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The Office of Sponsored Programs within the Office of Research Administration has oversight of the MDHSS grant. This recommendation was reviewed by the Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

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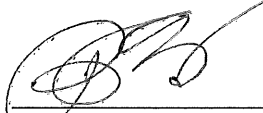
8. **Recommendation:** RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to execute a purchase order and related agreements to purchase services from Aquasight LLC in support of Oakland's agreement with MDHSS, in an amount not to exceed \$2,134,300, an increase of \$651,784; and, be it further.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and their respective designees to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the purchase agreements; and, be it further.

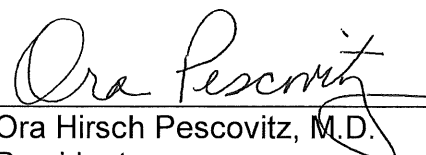
RESOLVED, that the agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

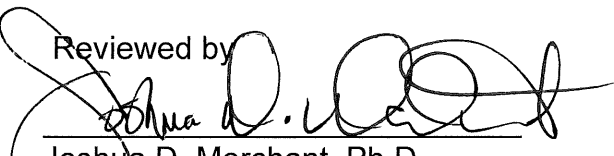
9. **Attachments:** None.

Submitted to the President  
on 11/21, 2023 by

  
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Britt Rios-Ellis, M.S., Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 11/28, 2023  
to the Board for approval by

  
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Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
President

Reviewed by  
  
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Joshua D. Merchant, Ph.D.  
Chief of Staff and  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees