

**Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
June 6, 2016**

**DODGE HALL DATA CENTER BACKUP GENERATOR CONTRACT  
A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Operations and Finance Division, University Technology Services, and Facilities Management Department
2. **Introduction:** Oakland University's communications networks currently exist in three locations: North Foundation Hall (NFH), Dodge Hall (DH) and O'Dowd Hall (ODH).

In May 2007, the University Technology Services (UTS) hired WTC Communications, Inc. to develop a strategic communications network plan. The plan encompassed growth, capital budgets, redundancy and distribution hardware, wireless, voice and data networks. This UTS project need is identified in the Deferred Plant Renewal and Capital Asset Management Report.

Based on the study, construction documents were developed to provide generator backup power to the Dodge Hall Data Center. On July 7, 2015, The Board of Trustees approved the FY2016 General Fund budget that funded one-time deferred IT upgrades for \$5,360,000 that included this work.

As part of our bidding process, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for a General Contractor for an infrastructure upgrade and new Generator at Dodge Hall. The RFP was publicly advertised by Purchasing. Four firms (Motor City, Eaton, McNulty and Earthcom) came to the walk thru, but only one proposal was received. A committee consisting of Facilities Management, Purchasing, and our Consulting Engineers, thoroughly vetted the proposal, and the Associate Vice President for Facilities Management recommends Motor City Electric Co., a qualified bidder, with extensive expertise on campus. The proposed bid was in the anticipated range of the estimate by our consulting engineering firm.

The Committee recommends that Motor City Electric Co. be approved as the General Contractor for the Dodge Hall Data Center Generator project. We are requesting the Chief Operating Officer be authorized to award a contract for the Dodge Hall Data Center Generator project, not to exceed \$1,200,000, which includes a contingency of \$109,000.

3. **Previous Board Action:** On July 7, 2016, The Board approved \$5,360,000 for deferred IT upgrades.

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4. **Budget Implications:** The Dodge Hall Generator was part of the one-time deferred IT upgrades, which is included in the budget for UTS FY2016.

5. **Educational Implications:** The Dodge Hall Generator will provide power to the Data Center during a loss of utility power allowing UTS to provide internet connectivity to the campus and external users with greater reliability.

6. **Personnel Implications:** None

7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** This recommendation was formulated by the selection committee listed above and was reviewed by the Associate Vice President of Facilities and the Chief Operating Officer.

8. **Recommendation:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to execute a contract with Motor City Electric Co. for the Dodge Hall Data Center Backup Generator Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the total cost of the entire installation for the Dodge Hall Data Center Backup Generator Project will not exceed \$1,200,000, which includes a contingency of \$109,000; and, be it further


RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Chief Operating Officer, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents required by this resolution that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the Dodge Hall Data Center Backup Generator Project and the ongoing administration of the Dodge Hall Data Center Backup Generator Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said contracts, instruments and documents shall be reviewed by and be in a form acceptable to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and with University policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

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9. Attachments: None.

Submitted to the President  
on 5/27, 2016 by

  
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Scott Kunselman  
Chief Operating Officer

Recommended on 5/25, 2016  
to the Board of Trustees for Approval by

  
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George W. Hynd  
President