



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 05/12/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Ed McBroom

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Edward McBroom

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Michigan Technological University (MTU)

4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:

1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, MI 49931

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-6005955

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$3,000,000.00

7. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?

Michigan Technological University's Mass Timber – Trailhead Lodge. The proposed facility will not only be a centerpiece for Upper Michigan's recreational trails, currently experienced by over 15,000 annual visitors, but will more importantly become a showcase for Michigan's growing mass timber / cross-laminated timber (CLT) industry. Michigan's forest products industry contributes well over \$20 billion each year to the state's economy and supports nearly 100,000 total jobs. Further research and education on utilizing mass timber and CLT as a sustainable and renewable construction material is critical to combat climate change and protect/grow Michigan's natural resource rural economy. MTU is a leader in mass timber and CLT research. This facility will help demonstrate these benefits to the public, government, and industry, and provide recreationalists a facility to prepare

and rest following trail activity. This project is supported by numerous community and economic development organizations, regional and national industry groups, and outdoor hikers and bikers and users of the trail network.

- 8. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:**

N/A

Amount

N/A

- 9. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:**

3 years

- 10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

No

Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)

The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.

- 1. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?**

No

- 2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

No

- 3. Does the organization have a board of directors?**

No

- 4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:**

N/A

Certification By Sponsoring Legislator

"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."

"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."

*"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."
Senator Ed McBroom*