

Facilities Planning and Construction
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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF TERM CONTRACT FOR GENERAL REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS FOR REGION I / VARIOUS LOCATIONS (CONTRACT NO. ASB/TB-198-GR-1-M/WBE)

On May 13, 1998 The School Board awarded a term contract for General Removal of Asbestos Containing Materials in Region I, bearing Project No. ASB/TB-198-GR-1-M/WBE to Simpson & Associates, Inc. The term of the contract was for one year commencing on May 14, 1998, or a maximum compensation of \$500,000, whichever occurred earlier, except that at the Board's sole option, the contract could be extended for an additional one-year term, under the same terms and conditions.

Due to the time required for processing the new Contractor Pre-qualification applications, no qualified asbestos bidders would have been available in time to open bids and award new contracts prior to expiration of the current contracts. As a result, the asbestos term bidding that was in progress was canceled. The current asbestos contractors have been favorably evaluated by the department staff, based on their performance history for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Since asbestos removal and cleanup efforts are often required on an immediate basis, it is necessary to award new term contracts prior to expiration of the existing agreements. Staff has determined that it is in the Board's best interest to extend the current term contracts for another year, to provide uninterrupted asbestos response capabilities. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board extend the current contract for Region I, under the same terms and conditions, for an additional year, from May 14, 1999 until May 13, 2000.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to extend the current term contract for General Removal of Asbestos Containing Materials in Region I, Contract ASB/TB-198-GR-1-M/WBE, between Simpson & Associates, Inc. and Miami-Dade County Public Schools, under the same terms and conditions for an additional year, from May 14, 1999 until May 13, 2000, provided that new bonds and insurance certificates are submitted accordingly.