

June 9, 1999

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: AWARD OF BID #110-XX09 – STRING INSTRUMENTS

The purpose of this bid, opened on April 27, 1999, is to establish a contract, to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of string instruments, for various schools. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be required, at the unit price bid, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. Of 83 vendors sent bid forms or card notices of this advertised bid, 12 responded, with 8 bids meeting specifications (including 4 bids meeting individual items specifications; but not all item specifications; not all vendors bid all items) and 4 no bids.

Fund Source
0100-General

M/WBE Eligibility
None

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AWARD** Bid #110-XX09 – STRING INSTRUMENTS, to purchase at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of string instruments, for various schools, during the term of the bid, effective June 23, 1999, through June 22, 2000, as follows:

1. NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL MUSIC COMPANY
1181 U. S. ROUTE 22, BOX 1130
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 ESTIMATE \$3,908.30
OWNER: RAYMOND BENEDETTO, PRESIDENT

Low Unit Price Meeting Specifications: Item 2 - Viola Outfit
@ \$229.90 each.

2. SOUTHWEST STRINGS
1050 S. PARK AVENUE
TUCSON, AZ 85719 ESTIMATE \$31,758
OWNER: STEPHEN E. SHEPPARD, PRESIDENT

Low Unit Price Meeting Specifications: Items 1, and 3
through 5.

Item 1 – Violin outfit @ \$205.50 each.
Item 3 – Viola outfit @ \$250 each.
Item 4 – Cello outfit @ \$590 each.
Item 5 – String bass @ \$990 each.

3. Authorize the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$35,666.30. The award shall be made subject to the resolution of bid protests, if any.

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