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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF TERM CONTRACT FOR GENERAL REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS FOR REGION III / VARIOUS LOCATIONS (CONTRACT NO. ASB/TB-198-GR/3-M/WBE)

On July 8, 1998 The School Board awarded a term contract for General Removal of Asbestos Containing Materials in Region III, bearing Project No. ASB/TB-198-GR/3-M/WBE to MCO Environmental, Inc. The term of the contract was for one year, commencing on July 9, 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, insufficient numbers of qualified asbestos bidders would have been available to bid new contracts prior to expiration of the current contracts. 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 III, under the same terms and conditions, for an additional year, from July 9, 1999 until July 8, 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 III, Contract ASB/TB-198-GR/3-M/WBE, between MCO Environmental, Inc. and Miami-Dade County Public Schools, under the same terms and conditions for an additional year, from July 9, 1999 until July 8, 2000, provided that new bonds and insurance certificates are submitted accordingly.