

Financial Affairs  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF BID #110-XX09 – STRING INSTRUMENTS**

The purpose of this bid, opened on April 27, 1999, was to establish a contract, to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of string instruments, for various schools. The terms of agreement, as contained in the subject bid, awarded by the Board on June 23, 1999, provided, that by mutual agreement between the successful vendors and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the contract may be renewed for one (1) additional one (1) year period. The contract is currently in its initial year. The awardees have agreed to renew for the final one (1) year renewal period, by letter, on file. It is considered to be in the best interest of the Board to renew this bid, for an additional one (1) year period, at the current prices, to benefit from fixed prices during the next twelve (12) months, inasmuch as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) indicates an increase of 3.7%.

Fund Source  
0100-General

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **RENEW** 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, 2000, through June 22, 2001, as follows:

1. NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL MUSIC COMPANY  
1181 U. S. ROUTE 22, BOX 1130  
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 ESTIMATE \$2,060.18  
OWNER: RAYMOND BENEDETTO, PRESIDENT

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

2. SOUTHWEST STRINGS  
1050 SOUTH PARK AVENUE  
TUCSON, AZ 85719 ESTIMATE \$23,504  
OWNER: CELTA GODFREY SHEPPARD, VICE 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.

**(First Annual Renewal and Final Year of Contract)**

3. Authorize the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$25,564.18.

RHH/lja