

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of May 16, 2001

May 3, 2001

Facilities Planning and Construction
Suzanne A. Marshall, Chief Facilities Officer (Construction)

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF TERM CONTRACT WITH MCO ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
FOR GENERAL REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS
FOR REGION I / VARIOUS LOCATIONS
(CONTRACT NO. ASB/TB-2000-GR-1-M/WBE)**

The School Board, at its meeting of May 17, 2000, awarded a term contract for General Removal of Asbestos Containing Materials in Region I, bearing Project No. ASB/TB-2000-GR-1-M/WBE, to MCO Environmental, Inc. The term of the contract was for one year commencing on May 17, 2000, or a maximum compensation of \$400,000, 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 current bidding climate and limited availability of contractors, as well as to the approaching asbestos peak work period during the summer, staff has determined that it is in the best interest of the Board to delay new Bid requests until after September. Since asbestos removal and cleanup efforts are often required on an immediate basis, it is necessary to maintain the existing agreements until award of new term contracts. The current asbestos contractors have been favorably evaluated by the department staff and hold current Contractor Pre-qualification certificates. Consequently, staff has concluded that the current term contracts should be extended to provide uninterrupted asbestos response capabilities. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board extend the current contract for Region I, Contract ASB/TB-2000-GR-1-M/WBE, between MCO Environmental, Inc. and Miami-Dade County Public Schools, under the same terms and conditions, for an additional six months, from May 17, 2001 until November 16, 2001.

The amount spent on the current Term Contract was \$297,565.

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-2000-GR-1-M/WBE, between MCO Environmental, Inc. and Miami-Dade County Public Schools, under the same terms and conditions, for an additional six months, from May 17, 2001 until November 16, 2001, provided that new bonds and insurance certificates are submitted accordingly.

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