

Maintenance Operations  
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**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH ATC ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR  
ASBESTOS TECHNICAL CONSULTING AND TESTING SERVICES  
FOR REGIONS I, III AND V – 1999/2001 (PRIMARY)**

The School Board, at its meeting of May 12, 1999, awarded a contract for Asbestos Technical Consulting and Testing Services for Regions I, III and V to ATC Associates, Inc. The contract was awarded for a two (2) year period, to provide services to the Department of Asbestos Management, ending June 19, 2001.

A Request for Proposals was issued and advertised for a new contract and four (4) firms responded and were interviewed by the Selection Committee. From those firms, two (2) were identified as Primary Consultants and a third firm as Alternate/Quality Control Laboratory/Consultant. Subsequent to the selection, a protest was lodged by one of the firms.

As a consequence of the protest, the process is under review by the School Board Attorney. However, in order for this department to continue to receive the necessary consulting and testing services, staff has concluded that the current contract should be extended for a maximum of ninety (90) days from the date of expiration or until resolution of the protest, whichever comes first.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, extend the contract for Technical Consultant/Testing Services between ATC Associates, Inc., and the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, under the same terms and conditions as the original contract, for a period of ninety (90) days or until resolution of the protest, whichever comes first.