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Facilities Planning and Construction  
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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 for a two (2) year period, commencing on June 20, 1999 and ending on June 19, 2001. In order to continue receiving these consulting services, a Request for Proposals was approved by the Board at its meeting of February 14, 2001, which was issued and advertised, and proposals were received on March 21, 2001. Submitting firms were interviewed and a selection was made for two prime consultants and one alternate/quality control consultant. However, a protest was raised regarding several submittal issues and award was withheld.

In order to continue receiving these services during review of the protest issues, extensions of the current contracts have been approved by the Board until December 18, 2001. Recently, the School Board attorneys concluded that it was in the Board's best interest to reject all proposals received and to revise and reissue the Request for Proposals. In order to provide uninterrupted asbestos consulting and testing services, it is necessary to maintain the existing agreements until award of new contracts. Consequently, staff has concluded that the current contracts should be extended, from December 19, 2001 until May 16, 2002, to ensure continued services during the new selection and award process.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to extend the current contract for Asbestos Technical Consulting and Testing Services, between ATC Associates, Inc. and Miami-Dade County Public Schools, from December 19, 2001 until May 16, 2002, under the same terms and conditions.

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