

November 28, 2001

Financial Affairs  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: RENEW BID NO. 022-AA02 – SOIL MIX**

The purpose of this bid, opened on September 12, 2000, was to establish a contract, to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of soil mix, for Maintenance Materials Management stock. The terms of agreement, as contained in the subject bid, awarded by the Board on November 15, 2000, provided, that by mutual agreement between the successful vendors and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the contract may be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year renewal periods. The contract is currently in its initial year. The awardees have agreed to renew for the first one (1) year renewal period, by letter, on file, with the exception of Black Velvet Topsoil, Inc., of Miami, Florida, who stated it could not hold its prices. 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), as of August 2001, indicated an increase of 2.7%.

Fund Source  
0100 - General

M/WBE Eligibility  
African American Male - No Dollar Amount

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **RENEW** Bid No. 022-AA02 – SOIL MIX, to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of soil mix, for Maintenance Materials Management stock, during the term of the bid, effective February 1, 2002, through January 31, 2003, as follows:

**PRIMARY**

1. AUSTIN TUPLER TRUCKING, INC.  
8518 S.W. 8 STREET, SUITE 105  
MIAMI, FL 33144 ESTIMATE \$35,200  
OWNER: AUSTIN W. TUPLER, PRESIDENT

Low Unit Price: Items 1 through 3.

- Item 1 - Soil mix, 50/50 @ \$7.70 per cubic yard.
- Item 2 - Soil mix, 70/30 @ \$9.45 per cubic yard.
- Item 3 - Soil mix, 80/20 @ \$9.95 per cubic yard.

**ALTERNATE**

2. THOMAS MAINTENANCE SERVICE, INC.  
17200 S.W. 137 AVENUE  
MIAMI, FL 33177  
OWNER: MELVIN C. THOMAS, PRESIDENT (AM)

Third Low Unit Price: Items 1 through 3.

- Item 1 - Soil mix, 50/50 @ \$10.99 per cubic yard.
- Item 2 - Soil mix, 70/30 @ \$12.99 per cubic yard.
- Item 3 - Soil mix, 80/20 @ \$13.99 per cubic yard.

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

3. Authorize the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$35,200.

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