

Business Operations  
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THE JANUARY 21, 2002 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF NEW REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE SELECTION OF ONE OR MORE FIRMS TO PROVIDE GEOTECHNICAL/CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES**

On January 16, 2002, the Board authorized the Superintendent to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for the Selection of one or more firms to provide Geotechnical/Construction materials testing and environmental assessment services. The RFP was issued on January 21, 2002 and fifteen (15) firms submitted proposals. The selection process resulted in a protest from one of the proposers. Staff along with the School Board attorney's office agreed that it was in the best interest of the Board, to reject all proposals and re-issue a new (RFP) with revised language.

Pursuant to Board Rule 6Gx13-3E-1.021, staff has prepared a new RFP for Board approval for the selection of one or more consultants for a two-year term.

The services required shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Geotechnical site assessment, construction materials testing and inspection, environmental assessment and remediation, and other required engineering consulting services, for various projects undertaken during the term of this contract.
- Exploratory test pit excavations to identify presence of buried solid waste, hazardous and/or non-hazardous materials. Provide cost estimates for the mitigation and/or remediation of existing environmental conditions.
- Coordinate the removal, transportation and disposal of contaminated soil and solid waste. Disposal activities shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local requirements.
- Identify and verify location of existing utilities.

The selection process will be divided into two parts. First, applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their office location, years the applicants have been established, the applicant's experience, their capabilities and other client's references. The second part will consist of interviewing the top-ranked proposers from the first part. The successful applicant(s) shall be the one(s) with the highest scores obtained from adding both, the initial evaluation scores and the interview scores.

A copy of the new Request for Proposals will be distributed to Board Members under separate cover and will be placed on file in The Office of the Board Recording Secretary and The Citizens Information Center.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- 1) reject all proposals received on January 21, 2002, and authorize the Superintendent to issue a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for the selection of one or more firms to provide geotechnical, construction materials testing and environmental assessment services for a two-year term; and
- 2) approve the Selection Committee (as listed in the RFP) that will select the firm(s) for subsequent submission to the Superintendent and the School Board for approval.

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