

January 29, 2003

Financial Affairs  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:           AWARD BID NO. 038-CC10 – MAINTENANCE OF SEAWATER  
AQUARIUM SYSTEMS**

**COMMITTEE:       FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

The purpose of this bid, opened on January 21, 2003, is to establish a contract, for the upkeep, repair and maintenance of the two seawater aquarium systems, located at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc., on Key Biscayne, Florida, for the Division of Mathematics and Science Education. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be required, at the price bid, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. Of 13 vendors sent bid forms or card notices of this advertised bid, 2 responded, with 2 bids meeting specifications.

Fund Source  
0100 – General

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AWARD** Bid No. 038-CC10 – MAINTENANCE OF SEAWATER AQUARIUM SYSTEMS, to establish a contract, for the upkeep, repair and maintenance of the two seawater aquarium systems, located at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc., on Key Biscayne, Florida, for the Division of Mathematics and Science Education, effective March 1, 2003, through February 28, 2005, as follows:

1. TROPICAL HABITATS, INC.  
7327 SABAL DRIVE  
MIAMI LAKES, FL 33014  
OWNER: BRETT A. SEEBERGER, PRESIDENT

Maintenance of aquariums @ \$13,000 per year.

2. Authorize Procurement and Materials Management to purchase up to the budgeted amount of \$26,000.

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