

August 19, 2003

Facilities Operations, Maintenance and Planning
Ana Rijo-Conde, Interim Assistant Superintendent

**SUBJECT: AWARD TO F & L CONSTRUCTION, INC.
PROJECT NO. A0751
DESIGN-BUILD K-8 SCHOOL
STATE SCHOOL "QQ1" AT
NE 151 Street East of Biscayne Boulevard
North Miami, Florida**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Five Design/Build contractors responded to the Request for Qualifications and four were selected for invitation to bid on the design criteria. The Independent Cost Estimate is \$19,473,566. The fifth firm, Tarafa Construction, Inc. was not pre-qualified at time of bid. The Design Criteria Professional's final construction cost estimate is \$19,098,366. The Base Bid of the low bidder is 14.1% under the estimate.

This project includes minority business enterprise subcontracting assistance levels.

Advertised bids received and opened on July 29, 2003 by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida have been tabulated and analyzed as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BOND/ CHECK</u>	<u>ALTERNATES</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>
F&L Construction, Inc. Hialeah, FL	5%	1) + 10,000 2) - 37,000 3) - 53,000 4) - 66,000 5) - 146,000	\$ 16,400,000
Betancourt, Castellon Associates, Inc. North Miami, FL	5%	1) - 200,000 2) - 15,000 3) - 0- 4) - 40,000 5) - 40,000	16,479,000

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BOND/ CHECK</u>	<u>ALTERNATES</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>
MCM Corp. North Miami, FL	5%	1) - 216,000 2) - 2,800 3) - 6,000 4) - 52,000 5) - 94,000	\$ 16,600,000
SBR Joint Venture Miami, FL	5%	1) 34,153 2) 21,978 3) 25,500 4) 54,426 5) 84,000	20,673,000

Distribution

Base Bid (Design Build)	\$16,400,000
Total Contract	16,400,000
Design Criteria Professional Fee	489,075
Other Professional Services	2,151,364
Project Contingency	820,000
Total Funds Required	\$19,861,069

Fund Source

Fund 0392 - Impact COPS 2000-01
Program 2775 - FIU North K-8 (S/S QQ-1)
Location 6191

Description

This project is for the construction of a new K-8 facility at NE 151 Street, East of Biscayne Boulevard. It is expected to relieve elementary schools in the North Miami area, such as Natural Bridge and W.J. Bryan Elementary Schools as well as North Miami Middle. Boundaries will be determined as part of the ABC process.

REVISED

Deductive Alternates

- Alternate No. 1- Change low masonry wall at kindergarten play areas to steel picket fence.
- Alternate No. 2- Eliminate weight room from P.E. building.
- Alternate No. 3- Reduce decorative pavers at exterior courtyard from 27,000 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft. Landscape area to replace the removed decorative paved area.
- Alternate No. 4- Provide group toilets in lieu of individual toilets for the intermediate and upper level grades.
- Alternate No. 5- Eliminate open air stairs at courtyard connectors to stair at second and third floors. Substitute double doors to connectors.

This project is a design build project. It is scheduled for substantial completion within 762 calendar days from date of award or on September 20, 2005.

The Design Criteria Professional, Architects International, Inc. and staff, recommended award of the contract to the low bidder, F & L Construction, Inc.

The Principal/Owner of F & L Construction, Inc. is Mr. Julio Batista. The Principal/Owner of the Project Architect, Brown & Brown, is Mr. Bill Brown.

This project was bid with M.B.E. subcontracting assistance levels of 18% African-American and 6% Women. The recommended contractor will submit M/WBE subcontractors as participants in this project which will be reviewed and monitored for compliance with overall M/WBE assistance levels of 24%.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida award Project No. A0751, Design-Build K-8 School, State School "QQ-1", on the basis of Base Bid in the amount of \$16,400,000 to the low bidder:

F & L Construction, Inc.
8095 West 21st Lane
Hialeah, Florida 33016

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