

Office of School Facilities
Rose Diamond, Chief Facilities Officer

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WITH REYNOLDS, SMITH AND HILLS, INC., AS PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER AND AUTHORIZE ASSIGNMENT OF A SUCCESSOR ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FOR THE K-8 CONVERSION PROJECT AT FRANK C. MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT NO. A01093

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

On November 17, 2004, the Board commissioned the firm of Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. (RSH), as Design Criteria Professional (DCP) for the K-8 Conversion Project at Frank C. Martin Elementary School. On May 18, 2005, the Board authorized a change in the delivery method for this project from Design-Build to Construction Management At-Risk. Subsequent to this action, the Board authorized an amendment to convert the DCP services to full Architect/Engineer services on June 15, 2005.

RSH has experience the loss of key professional personnel in their Miami office working on the project and does not have the capability to complete the contract responsibilities. To date, RSH has reached phase I construction documents. As a result the project is at risk of major delays. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board terminate the agreement with RSH, without cause, and assign a Successor Architect/Engineer to the project. The firm of RSH has agreed that this action would be in the best interest of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Staff has identified the firm of The Architectural Partnership, Inc. (TAP), as Successor Architect/Engineer and will begin negotiations for professional services. A Board item detailing the fees, terms and conditions of the agreement with TAP will be presented to the Board for commissioning at a later date.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, direct the Superintendent to:

1. terminate the agreement with Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc., without cause, and assign The Architectural Partnership, Inc., as Successor Architect/Engineer for a K-8 Conversion Project at Frank C. Martin Elementary School, Project A01093;
2. provide written notification of such action to Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc., and
3. authorize staff to imitate negotiations with the firm of The Architectural Partnership, Inc., as successor Architect/Engineer for the referenced project.