

Office of School Facilities
Rose Diamond, Chief Facilities Officer

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF DESIGNATED SPECIALIST – ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL IN THE AGREEMENT WITH AVART, INC. AS PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEERS FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PACKAGE #9, GENERAL REPAIRS AND REHABILITATION AT MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT NO. 00264300

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

On March 15, 2006, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commissioned Avart, Inc. (Avart) as Project Architect/Engineers for General Repairs and Rehabilitation at Miami Palmetto Senior High, Project No. 00264300. In the agreement with Avart, the firm of Basulto & Associates, Inc. was listed as the Designated Specialist – Electrical and Mechanical. The agreement requires prior written approval by the Board for any termination or replacement of the original designated specialists.

Avart has notified staff that the firm of Basulto & Associates, Inc. will not be able to serve on this project due to current workload responsibilities. Therefore, Avart is requesting that this firm be replaced with Louis J. Aguirre & Associates, P.A. for electrical and mechanical engineering services for this project. Louis J. Aguirre & Associates, P.A. has agreed to enter into an agreement with Avart, if approved by the Board. In addition, Avart management staff has changed. Luis A. Olivares, Executive Vice President will replace Arthur J. Miller, Sr., Vice President as the principle directly responsible to the Board on this project.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the replacement of the Designated Specialist – Electrical and Mechanical, in the agreement with Avart, Inc. as Project Architect/Engineers for Deferred Maintenance Package #9, General Repairs and Rehabilitation at Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Project No. 00264300, as follows:

1. replacement of Basulto & Associates, Inc., with Louis J. Aguirre & Associates, P.A. to perform electrical and mechanical services;
2. replacement of the firm's principal as set forth in the body of the agenda item; and
3. provide written notification of this action to the firm.

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