

Office of School Facilities  
Rose Diamond, Chief Facilities Officer

**SUBJECT:       REPLACEMENT OF DESIGNATED SPECIALIST – STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS IN THE AGREEMENT WITH SBLM ARCHITECTS PC. AS PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER OF RECORD FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PACKAGE #26, GENERAL REPAIRS AND REHABILITATION AT BISCAYNE GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT NO. A01023**

**COMMITTEE:   FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM**

On June 14, 2006, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commissioned SBLM Architects, P.A. (SBLM) as Project Architect/Engineers for Deferred Maintenance Package #26, General Repairs and Rehabilitation at Biscayne Gardens Elementary School, Project No. A1023. In the Agreement with SBLM, the firm of Desimone Consulting Engineers, PLLC was listed as Designated Specialist - Structural Engineers. The agreement requires prior written approval by the Board for any termination or replacement of the original designated engineering specialists.

SBLM has notified staff that the firm of Desimone Consulting Engineers, PLLC will not be able to serve on this project due to current workload responsibilities. Therefore, SBLM is requesting that this firm be replaced with Bliss & Nyitray, Inc. for structural engineering services for this project. Bliss & Nyitray, Inc. has agreed to enter into an agreement with SBLM, if approved by the Board.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the replacement of Designated Specialist – Structural Engineers, Desimone Consulting Engineers, PLLC, with Bliss & Nyitray, Inc., to perform structural engineering services for Deferred Maintenance Package #26, General Repairs and Rehabilitation at Biscayne Gardens Elementary School, Project No. A01023 and authorize the Superintendent to provide written notification of this action to the Project Architect/Engineers, SBLM Architects, P.A.

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