

Office of School Facilities
Rose Diamond, Chief Facilities Officer

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE THE THIRD-YEAR OPTION OF THE FOUR-YEAR AGREEMENTS WITH WILLIAMS-RUSSELL & JOHNSON, INC., LIVS ASSOCIATES, AVART, INC., AND EAC CONSULTING, INC., AS SPECIAL PROJECTS CONSULTANTS (SPC) FOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

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STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

On February 16, 2005, the Board commissioned the following firms to provide Special Projects Consultant – Structural Engineering Services for a four-year term (firms listed in order of ranking):

- Williams-Russell & Johnson, Inc. (WR&J), Miami, FL.
- LIVS Associates (LIVS), Coral Gables, FL.
- Avart, Inc. (Avart), Miami, FL.
- EAC Consulting, Inc. (EAC), Miami, FL.

Each of the agreements provides for a four (4) year term from February 16, 2005 through February 15, 2009, with the second, third and fourth years, at the Board's option, under the same terms and conditions.

The total work order values issued to date for the second-year term under the current agreements are \$7,281 for WR&J, \$211,427 for LIVS, \$245,346 for Avart, and \$0 for EAC.

The most recent overall performance evaluation score issued by staff to the firms was for the quarter ending September 30, 2006. Based on scale of 1-5, WR&J received 3.42, LIVS received 3.63, Avart received 3.45, and EAC has not been evaluated.

Based on the above information, staff recommends authorization to exercise the third-year option of the agreements with all of the referenced firms for Special Projects Consultants (SPC) for Structural Engineering Services under the terms and conditions as per the original contract.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent, or his designee, to exercise the third-year option with Williams-Russell & Johnson, Inc., LIVS Associates, Avarit, Inc., and EAC Consulting, Inc., as Special Projects Consultants (SPC) to provide structural engineering services under the same terms and conditions.

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