

Office of School Facilities  
Jaime G. Torrens, Chief Facilities Officer

**SUBJECT:           TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WITH R.J. HEISENBOTTLE ARCHITECTS, PA, AS ARCHITECT/ENGINEER OF RECORD FOR ADDITIONS, REMODELING AND RENOVATIONS (PHASE I) AT SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT NO. 00253900**

**COMMITTEE:           FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM**

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STRATEGIC PLAN:           IMPROVE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

The firm of R. J. Heisenbottle Architects (RJHA), PA, was commissioned by the Board on March 14, 2007, as Architect/Engineer (A/E) of Record for Additions, Remodeling and Renovations (Phase I) at Southside Elementary, Project #00253900.

The project, as originally planned, would have been implemented in two phases:

- Phase I was to include construction of a new, three-story classroom building of approx. 37,500 sq. ft., 540 new student stations, with partial underground parking, and other related scope; and
- Phase II, which was not funded at the time of the commissioning (nor included in the A/E services), consisted of a second, three-story classroom building of approx. 32,300 sq. ft., 544 additional new student stations, completion of the underground parking, major remodeling of Building 02 (cafetorium, and relocation of the kitchen/serving area) and Building 04.

On April 4, 2007, RJHA was requested by MDCPS staff to stop work on the project, to allow further investigation to determine the possibility of obtaining funding to move forward with both Phases together. When the total funding did, in fact, become available, the estimated construction cost was \$18.78 million, exceeding the authorized limit for RJHA to serve as A/E for the project.

In November 2007, an RFQ was issued to obtain Architectural/Engineering services for the entire scope of work. This RFQ was cancelled on March 17, 2008 in favor of re-using and adapting one of the District's approved modular prototypes, a more cost effective option.

Because the project was put on hold in a timely manner, the A/E has agreed that no compensation is due to the firm on behalf of this project. This termination is requested for the convenience of the District, and has been duly noticed to the A/E as required by the A/E Agreement.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, terminate the Agreement with R. J. Heisenbottle Architects, PA, as Architect/Engineer of Record for Additions, Remodeling and Renovations (Phase I), at Southside Elementary School, Project No. 00253900, as follows:

- 1) without cause;
- 2) with no compensation due to the A/E; and
- 3) with written notification of this action to the A/E.

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