

Office of School Facilities  
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE THE SECOND-YEAR OPTION AND AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH LIVS ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE TIER 2 - SPECIAL PROJECTS CONSULTANT – ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS UP TO \$1.0 MILLION EACH**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

Background

On June 17, 2009, the Board commissioned the following firms to provide Tier 2 - Special Projects Consultant (SPC) - Electrical Engineering services for miscellaneous projects with construction costs up to \$1 million each:

- Johnson Avedano Lopez Rodriguez & Walewski, Engineering Group, Inc. (JALRW)
- LIVS Associates (LIVS)
- Louis J. Aguirre & Associates, P.A. (LJA&A)

The Agreements provide for a four-year term commencing on June 17, 2009 and terminating on June 16, 2013, with the second, third and fourth years at the option of the Board.

Reduction of Fees

In keeping with the goal of reducing costs to the District, staff re-negotiated a 10% reduction of all fees (across the board), hourly rates and hourly rate multiplier with all three firms. One firm, LIVS, has agreed to the requested reductions. Refer to Schedule of Fee, below. For ease of reference, the Schedule of Fees includes both the original and reduced fees for second-year option.

The reduced fees will become effective upon the Board's authorization to exercise the second-year option. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement remain unchanged.

**SPC (PRIME) AND SUB-CONSULTANTS**

**ARTICLE 6.1.1 BASIC SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE**

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET	FULL DESIGN SERVICES		PHASE II / III DESIGN ONLY	
	DESIGN SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION		DESIGN SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION	
Up to \$50,000	HRLY/LS		HRLY/LS	
	Original	Reduced	Original	Reduced
\$ 50,001 to \$ 250,000	9.75%	<b>9.00%</b>	9.00%	<b>8.10%</b>
\$ 250,001 to \$ 500,000	8.75%	<b>8.33%</b>	8.00%	<b>7.43%</b>
\$ 500,001 to \$ 750,000	8.00%	<b>7.65%</b>	7.25%	<b>6.98%</b>
\$ 750,001 to \$ 1,000,000	7.25%	<b>7.20%</b>	6.75%	<b>6.30%</b>

\*If no Construction Administration services required, deduct 15% from fee percentage shown above.

	Original	Reduced
Art. 6.2.1 Site Visits	\$300/Visit	<b>\$225/Visit</b>
Art. 6.3.1 Additional Project Meetings	\$300/Meeting	<b>\$225/Meeting</b>
Art. 7.4.2 Principal's Hourly Rates	\$ 175/Hour	<b>\$112.50/Hour</b>

**ARTICLE 6.6.1 RECORD DRAWINGS AND EXISTING CONDITIONS VERIFICATION**

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET		Not-to-Exceed LS Fee	
From	To	Original	Reduced
\$ - 0 -	\$ 250,000	\$ 2,500	<b>\$2,250</b>
\$ 250,001	\$ 500,000	\$ 5,000	<b>\$4,500</b>
\$ 500,001	\$ 750,000	\$ 7,500	<b>\$6,750</b>
\$ 750,001	\$ 1,000,000	\$10,000	<b>\$9,000</b>

- Article 6.4.2 Provisional multiplier: Original 2.45; **Reduced to 2.21**
- Article 6.4.2 Direct Personnel Expense multiplier: Original 1.70; **Reduced to 1.53**

### Additional Information

The total value of work orders issued to LIVS for the first year of the current Agreement is \$155,061.50.

The most recent overall performance evaluation score issued by District staff to the firm was for the quarter ending December 31, 2009. Based on a scale of 1-5 (low to high), LIVS average evaluation score is 3.90.

Based on the information above, staff recommends that the Board exercise the second-year option of the Agreement with LIVS for Tier 2 - SPC - Electrical Engineering Services.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to exercise the second-year option and amend the Agreement with LIVS Associates to provide Tier 2 - Special Projects Consultants - Electrical Engineering services for Miscellaneous Projects up to \$1.0 million each, as follows:

- 1) amend the Agreement to reflect re-negotiated, reduced professional services fees for basic services, principal rates, site visits, project meetings and hourly rate multipliers as indicated in the above Fee Schedules; and
- 2) all other terms and conditions of the original Agreement remain unchanged.

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