

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of March 9, 2011

February 23, 2011

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REJECT BID NO. 019-LL03 – FARM-TO-SCHOOL, FRESH PRODUCE

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

The purpose of this bid was to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of farm-to-school, fresh, high quality, seasonal and local, Florida produce (to the maximum extent possible), for the Department of Food and Nutrition. Five (5) vendors responded to this advertised solicitation.

Inasmuch as (4) four out of the (5) five vendors who responded qualified their bids and the fifth vendor's pricing is excessive, it would be in the best interest of the District to reject all proposals to allow rebidding. Specifications will be modified to allow for broadened competition. Competitive prices will be solicited for these items, as the need arises, pursuant to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3C-1.111 – Bidding Process – Competitive Bidding Requirements, which describes the procedures and guidelines to be used for bidding based on the estimated dollar expenditure, including revision of specifications.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **REJECT** Bid No. 019-LL03 – FARM-TO-SCHOOL, FRESH PRODUCE, to permit rebidding using revised specifications.

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