

Office of School Facilities
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SUBJECT: AWARD TO THORNTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. (THORNTON) FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDED NEW K-8 SCHOOL, LOCATED AT N.W. 90 STREET AND N.W. 114 AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA 33178; PROJECT NUMBER 01439300

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION

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Introduction

On May 2, 2016 a solicitation was published to competitively bid (Hard Bid) construction of the General Obligation Bond (GOB) funded New K-8 School in the Doral area. Bids have been received and this item provides a recommendation for award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Eleven (11) pre-qualified contractors picked up plans and specifications. A mandatory pre-bid conference was conducted on May 11, 2016 for interested contractors and sub-contractors. Seven (7) sealed bids were received and these were opened on May 31, 2016, at the School Board Administration Building Auditorium. The Project Architect, staff from the Office of Economic Opportunity and Office of School Facilities witnessed the bid opening.

After analysis of the bid tabulation (see Attachment A), it was determined that Thornton was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, with a Base Bid price of \$10,924,976. No deductive alternates are being taken; however, the award amount is being reduced by \$163,875 as a result of sales tax savings generated by the District's Direct Materials Procurement Program. Consequently, District Staff and the Project Architect, Zyscovich Architects, recommend awarding the project to Thornton in the amount of \$10,761,101.

The contract provides for compliance with Small/Micro Business and Local Workforce utilization goals. The Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) reviewed the SBE/MBE and MWBE certification status of all subcontractors and verified the existence of a letter of intent for each, outlining roles and responsibilities.

Small/Micro Business S/MBE Utilization:

The S/MBE participation goals established for this project were 25% for Construction (as determined by the M-DCPS Goal Setting Committee). The following table details S/MBE firms that Thornton will use on the project:

S/MBE UTILIZATION				
New K-8 School in Doral:				
SUB-CONSULTANT FIRMS (Construction Services)	ROLE / RESPONSIBILITY	MWBE CERTIFICATION CATEGORY	SBE/ MBE CERTIFICATION CATEGORY	CONTRACTED (%) Construction
Miguel Lopez Jr., Inc.	Site Work	HA	SBE 1	11.04%
Rapid Act, Inc.	HVAC	HA	SBE 1	12.72%
Superior Electrical Contractors, Inc.	Electrical	HA	SBE 1	15.95%
TOTAL PARTICIPATION				39.71%

LEGEND:

HA Hispanic

SBE 1 Small Business Enterprise Tier 1

M/WBE Utilization:

The following table details M/WBE firms that Thornton will use on the project:

*M/WBE UTILIZATION

New K-8 School in Doral:

SUB-CONSULTANT FIRMS (Construction Services)	ROLE / RESPONSIBILITY	MWBE CERTIFICATION CATEGORY	SBE/ MBE CERTIFICATION CATEGORY
Amion Enterprises International Corp	Finishes	AA	M/WBE
Cube Care	Window Treatments	HA	M/WBE
Organic Brothers Maintenance	Cleaning	SDV	M/WBE
O.R. Painting, Inc.	Painting	AA	M/WBE
Schedule 10 Specialists, Inc.	Specialties	W	M/WBE
Sunset Sod, Inc.	Sod	AS	M/WBE

LEGEND:

AA African American

SDV Service Disabled Veteran

AS Asian American

W Woman

HA Hispanic

MWBE Minority/Women Business Enterprise

Local Workforce Utilization:

Thornton will provide Local Workforce Utilization of 20% for Construction county-wide (as determined by the M-DCPS Goal Setting Committee).

The Office of Economic Opportunity shall monitor the above-stated goals for compliance.

**NOTE: Thornton is finalizing Letters of Intent with the subcontractors listed on the MWBE utilization chart. The agenda item will be revised prior to the Board meeting to include the percentages.*

Project Scope:

This project comprises the initial (K-5) phase of the school which will later be expanded to a full K-8 configuration. The scope of work for this project includes but is not limited to: construction of new elementary school facility comprised of classrooms, media center, full kitchen, cafeteria, administrative offices, play courts, playfields, student drop-off areas, and various other support spaces. The school is designed for a capacity of 750 student stations.

Project Schedule:

The timeline for this project is as follows:

- Award Bid June 22, 2016
- Substantial Completion June 22, 2017
- Final Completion/Acceptance August 23, 2017

Project Funding:

Fund: 351000 Object: 563000 Location: 1101300 Program: 28480000 Function: 740000

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Principal:

The Principal/Owner designated to be directly responsible to the Board for Thornton Construction Company, Inc. is Thomas Thornton. The firm is located at 4300 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 207, Miami, Florida 33137.

RECOMMEND:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida award to Thornton Construction Company, Inc. the General Obligation Bond funded New K-8 School located at N.W. 90 Street and N.W. 114 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33178; Project Number 01439300, on the basis of the lowest Base Bid in the amount of \$10,761,101.

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