

Financial Services
Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: AWARD INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-19-077-HR – WATER-BASED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS, INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE CONTRACT

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Procurement Management Services, at the request of the Department of District Alarms and Inspections, released the above-referenced solicitation. The purpose of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to establish a contract with firm, fixed prices, for all necessary labor, transportation, material and equipment to test, service, inspect, repair, correct and maintain water-based fire protection systems for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Awarded vendors are required, and shall have the capability, to simultaneously perform all work described herein at multiple locations, for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities as needed, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. This ITB was advertised on the Procurement Management Services website, as well as BidSync and DemandStar. The solicitation was shared with the District offices for additional community outreach, and its various media platforms, including but not limited to, social media, local radio stations and prior bid forecasting lists.

The initial term of the bid shall be for three (3) years, commencing November 18, 2020 through November 17, 2023, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidder, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

Strategies were employed to increase SBE/MBE (Small/Micro Business Enterprise) participation. For this solicitation, the Goal Setting Committee recommended a 3% price preference for SBE/MBE certified firms.

Two (2) vendors responded to this solicitation. Based on the criteria listed in the ITB, the contract shall be awarded to one (1) pre-qualified firm.

M-DCPS OEO staff verified the Contractor Pre-Qualification, Small, Micro, Veteran and/or M/WBE certification status of the firms.

In FY 2019-2020, the District spent \$1,243,761 on water-based fire protection systems.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. **AWARD** INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-19-077-HR WATER-BASED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS, INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE CONTRACT, to establish a contract for all necessary labor, transportation, material and equipment to test, service, inspect, repair, correct and maintain water-based fire protection systems, for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, during the term of the bid, with an initial effective date of November 18, 2020 through November 17, 2023, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidder, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows:

BASS-UNITED FIRE & SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.
3000 GATEWAY DRIVE
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33069
BRAD A. HIGDON, PRESIDENT

Total Low Meeting Specifications:

- Group A – Sprinklers & fire pump stations: Items 1 through 126.
- Group B – Sprinklers with no fire pump: Items 127 through 323
- Group C – Sprinklers and deluge systems with control panels:
Items 324 through 383.
- Group D – Stand pipe systems: Items 384 through 448.

2. **AUTHORIZE** Procurement Management Services to purchase, up to the total estimated amount of \$4,100,000 for the initial contract term, and an amount not to exceed \$1,366,666 for each subsequent one (1) year extension period(s). Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

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