

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of December 13, 2000

December 8, 2000

Facilities Planning and Construction
Paul J. Phillips, Chief Facilities Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD TO TARAFI CONSTRUCTION, INC.
PROJECT NO. A0786
BROADCAST TOWER AND TRANSMITTER BUILDING
WLRN - CHANNEL 17
172 NE 15th Street, Miami, Florida**

Six Design/Build contractors responded to the Request for Qualifications and four were selected for invitation to bid on the design criteria.

This project includes Minority Business Enterprise Subcontracting Assistance Levels.

The latest design and construction estimate by the Design Criteria Professional (DCP), was \$6,156,792.

Advertised bids received and opened on November 28, 2000 by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida have been tabulated and analyzed as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>BOND/ CHECK</u>	<u>DEDUCTIVE ALTERNATE</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>
F & L Construction, Inc. Miami, FL	A	5%	(93,000)	\$5,788,900
Tarafa Construction, Inc. Coral Gables, FL		5%	(80,000)	6,910,000

Note A: F & L Construction, Inc. has stated that an error was committed when calculating its bid and cannot perform the work for the price quoted. Staff recommends that the Board waive forfeiture of the Bid Bond.

Distribution

Base Bid.....	\$ 6,910,000.00
Total Contract.....	6,910,000.00
Project Architect's Fee.....	145,200.00
Other Professional Services.....	1,333,315.00
FF & E.....	900,000.00
Project Contingency.....	345,500.00
Total Funds Required.....	\$ 9,634,015.00

**REPLACEMENT
J-35**

Fund Source

Fund 0391 - Other Categorical Construction
Program 0821 - WLRN TV Distance Learning
Location 8001

Description

The construction scope of work for this project is for a new 1009' Digital Broadcast Tower and a new transmitter building which will be located in Broward County on property jointly owned by The Board and the State of Florida. The property currently houses the WLRN Analog FM Antenna and remote transmitter facility. Excess property is developed as a Broward County Park (McTyre Park) under a lease authorized by the Board. FCC requires Digital television transmission no later than May 1, 2003. The current analog television signal is broadcast from a WLRN antenna on the Channel 2 tower located on a different site.

Alternate

Deductive Alternate No. 1- Deduct cost of elevator.

This project is scheduled for completion within 868 calendar days of the contract or on April 30, 2003.

The Design Criteria Professional, Wolfberg Alvarez & Partners, recommended award of the contract to the low, responsive bidder, Tarafa Construction, Inc.

This project includes the following minority business enterprise subcontracting assistant levels for the following specific scopes of work, site clearing, pavement, walks and drainage, fencing, landscaping and irrigations..

The Principal/Owner for Tarafa Construction, Inc. is Mr. Roberto Tarafa.

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

- a) waive forfeiture of F & L Construction, Inc.'s Bid Bond; and
- b) award Project No. A0786, Broadcast Tower and Transmitter Building, WLRN - Channel 17, on the basis of Base Bid in the amount of \$6,910,000 to the low, responsive bidder:

Tarafa Construction, Inc.
151 Majorca Avenue, Suite C
Coral Gables, FL 33134

SAL/nc