

Business Operations  
Joe Arriola, Chief Business Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD TO SIMPLEX GRINNELL, LP  
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT  
VARIOUS (2) LOCATIONS**

**PROJECT NO. AK9999-01  
LIBERTY CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
1855 NW 71 Street, Miami, Florida And**

**PROJECT NO. AK9999-02  
D.A. DORSEY EDUCATIONAL CENTER  
7100 NW 17 Avenue, Miami, Florida**

The Project Architect's final construction cost estimate is \$450,361. The Base Bid of the low bidder is 45.6% under the estimate. The Project Architect has attributed this variance to favorable current market conditions. The low bidder is also the system supplier, therefore, the cost of subcontractors and the contractor has been eliminated. The contractor currently is under a Maintenance contract with M-DCPS further assuring the continuity for profit and enhancing the ability to provide a lower price.

Advertised bids received and opened on March 5, 2002 by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida have been tabulated and analyzed as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BOND/ CHECK</u>	<u>BASE BID AK9999-01</u>	<u>BASE BID AK9999-02</u>	<u>COMBINED BASE BID</u>
Simplex Grinnell, LP Miramar, FL	5%	105,868	139,232	\$ 245,100
VRV Construction Corporation Miami, FL	5%	117,000	169,500	286,500
Superior Electrical Contractors, Inc. Miami, FL	5%	135,000	171,000	306,000

Distribution

Base Bid. . . . .	\$245,100.00
Total Contract . . . . .	245,100.00
Project Architect's fees . . . . .	43,200.00
Other Professional Services . . . . .	86,800.00
Project Contingency . . . . .	<u>24,510.00</u>
Total Funds Required . . . . .	\$399,610.00

Fund Source

Fund	0330 - 2001-02 Certificates of Participation
Program	1153 - Fire Code Repairs
Location	8139 - D.A. Dorsey Educational Center - \$139,232
Location	2981 - Liberty City Elementary - \$105,868

Description

- AK9999-01** - This project is for the replacement of the fire alarm system at Liberty City Elementary School.
- AK9999-02** - This project is for the replacement of the fire alarm system at D.A. Dorsey Educational Center.

This project is scheduled for substantial completion within 180 calendar days of the contract, or on October 14, 2002.

The Project Architect, Architektnics Architects recommended award of the contract to the low bidder, Simplex Grinnell, LP.

One hundred twenty-seven pre-qualified contractors were notified of this project and nine firms picked up plans and specifications.

The Principal / Owner of Simplex Grinnell, LP is Mr. John Peterson.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida award Project No. AK9999-01, Liberty City Elementary School and Project No. AK9999-02, D.A. Dorsey Educational Center, Fire Alarm System Replacements, on the basis of Base Bid in the amount of \$245,100 to the low bidder:

Simplex Grinnell, LP  
3801 Commerce Parkway  
Miramar, Florida 33025

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