

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of July 10, 2002

June 27, 2002

Business Operations
Suzanne A. Marshall, Administrative Director

**SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH TARAF
CONSTRUCTION, INC.
BROADCAST TOWER AND TRANSMITTER BUILDING
WLRN - CHANNEL 17
172 NE 15TH Street, Miami, Fl
PROJECT NO. A0786**

A construction contract was awarded to Tarafa Construction, Inc. for the following project:

| <u>Project No.</u> | <u>Facility</u> | <u>Awarded</u> | <u>Award Amount</u> |
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| A0786 | WLRN | 12-13-00 | \$6,910,000.00 |

The contractor has been placed in default and recommended for termination on the above project, in accordance with the recommendations from staff and certification by the Design Criteria Professional. The items of default include, but are not limited to: failure to maintain schedule (Phase I is 146 days beyond contract completion date), failure to submit an updated schedule, failure to submit an updated narrative stating how to bring the project back on schedule, failure to install transmission lines in the correct orientation, failure to submit irrigation plans, failure to submit landscape plans, failure to obtain DIC compliance, failure to ground guy wires and failure to complete debris removal.

Despite being given the time as required by the contract to correct or commence correction of the items of default, the contractor has failed and continues to fail to correct or commence to correct the same. These failures place the broadcast licenses of WLRN in jeopardy of being revoked by the FCC.

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

- a) terminate the contract with Tarafa Construction, Inc. for Project No. A0786, Broadcast Tower and Transmitter Building, WLRN; and
- b) require Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of Hartford, Connecticut take over the project and complete the work.

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