

August 28, 2002

Business Operations
Robert M. Brown, District Director

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH ATC ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ASBESTOS TECHNICAL CONSULTING AND TESTING SERVICES FOR REGIONS I, III, AND V - 1999/2001 (PRIMARY)

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS SERVICES

The School Board, at its meeting of May 12, 1999, awarded a contract for Asbestos Technical Consulting and Testing Services for Regions I, III, and V to ATC Associates, Inc. The contract was for a two (2) year period, commencing on June 20, 1999 and ending on June 19, 2001. In order to continue receiving these consulting services, a Request for Proposals was approved by the Board at its meeting of February 14, 2001. Proposals were received on March 21, 2001 but a protest was raised which resulted in extended delays and in the reissuing of the RFP on July 17, 2002. New proposals were received on August 5, 2002. Submitting firms were interviewed and a selection was made for two prime consultants and one alternate/quality control consultant. However, a protest was again raised and award was withheld pending resolution.

In order to continue receiving these services during review of the protest, extensions of the current contracts had been previously approved by the Board until September 15, 2002. As a result of the new protest and in order to provide uninterrupted asbestos consulting and testing services, it is necessary to maintain the existing agreements until award of new contracts. Consequently, staff has concluded that the current contracts should be extended, from September 16, 2002 until November 15, 2002 or until award of the new contracts, whichever comes first, to ensure continued services during the protest resolution and award process.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to extend the current contract for Asbestos Technical Consulting and Testing Services, between ATC Associates, Inc. and Miami-Dade County Public Schools, from September 16, 2002 until November 15, 2002 or until award of the new contracts, under the same terms and conditions.

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