

Financial Affairs
George M. Burgess, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD BALANCE BID NO. 081-CC09M/WBE – VACUUM
CLEANERS**

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The purpose of this bid, opened on February 11, 2003, is to establish a contract, to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of vacuum cleaners, for various schools and departments. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be required, at the unit price bid, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. This bid is a Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) set-side for African American/Women-owned and operated businesses. Of 20 vendors sent bid forms or card notices of this advertised bid, 6 responded, with 5 bids meeting specifications (not all vendors bid all items) and 1 non-responsive bid (vendor is not minority certified).

Inasmuch as the specifications for Item 5 - Vacuum cleaner, were unclear, the recommendation reflects that all bids be rejected. Competitive prices will be solicited for this item, as the need arises, pursuant to Board Rule 6Gx13-3C-1.111 -- Bidding Process -- Competitive Bidding Requirements, which describes the procedures and guidelines to be used for bidding based on the estimated dollar expenditure.

Items 6 and 8 were awarded by the Board on May 14, 2003, for an estimated expenditure amount of \$48,663.56.

Fund Source
0100 - General

M/WBE Eligibility
Female - \$54,137.52

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AWARD** Balance Bid No. 081-CC09M/WBE – VACUUM CLEANERS, to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of vacuum cleaners, for various schools and departments, during the term of the bid, effective June 18, 2003, through May 13, 2004, as follows:

1. COLONIAL PAPER, INC.
3720 N.E. 33 STREET
OCALA, FL 34470-3110 ESTIMATE \$10,949.64
OWNER: GAIL B. TUCK, PRESIDENT (WF)

Low Unit Price: Item 2.

Item 2 - Vacuum, cleaner, upright @ \$912.47 each.

2. CORAL SPRINGS VACUUM, INC.
2354 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33065 ESTIMATE \$2,159.84
OWNER: SUSAN HENRY, PRESIDENT (WF)

Low Unit Price Meeting Specifications: Item 4.

Item 4 - Vacuum cleaner, upright @ \$134.99 each.

3. REX CHEMICAL CORPORATION
2270 N.W. 23 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33142 ESTIMATE \$41,028.04
OWNER: BEATRIZ GRANJA, PRESIDENT (WF)

Low Unit Price Item 3.

Low Unit Price Meeting Specifications: Items 1 and 7.

Item 1 - Vacuum cleaner, backpack @ \$326.59 each.

Item 3 - Vacuum cleaner, upright @ \$189 each.

Item 7 - Vacuum cleaner, wet dry @ \$478.60 each.

4. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$54,137.52.

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