

Financial Affairs
Eduardo A. Alfaro, Interim Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: REJECT ITEMS 10A THROUGH 10C ON BID NO. 006-CC03 –
FRUIT JUICES**

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The purpose of this bid, opened on January 16, 2003, was to establish a contract, to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of fruit juices, for the Food Service Program of the Department of Food and Nutrition. 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. Of 39 vendors sent bid forms or card notices of this advertised bid, 6 responded, with 2 bids meeting specifications (includes 2 bids meeting individual item specifications, but not all item specifications), 1 non-responsive bid, 1 bid not meeting specifications and 2 no bids.

Inasmuch as all bids submitted for Item 10A – Orange juice, 6 ounce, Item 10B – Orange/pineapple juice, 6 ounce, and Item 10C – Apple juice, 6 ounce, did not meet specifications, the recommendation reflects that all bids be rejected. Competitive prices will be solicited for these items 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.

Item 1 – Orange juice, 4 ounce, Item 2 – Orange juice, 4 ounce, Item 3 – Grape juice, 4 ounce, Item 4 – Fruit blend, 4 ounce, Item 5 – Orange/pineapple, 4 ounce, Item 7 – Drinks, assorted flavors, 16 ounce gable carton, Item 8 – Orange juice, 8 ounce, and Item 9 – Orange juice, 16 ounce, were awarded by the Board on February 12, 2003, for an estimated expenditure amount of \$4,449,365.66.

Fund Source
0410 - Food Service

M/WBE Eligibility
None

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **REJECT** Items 10A through 10C on Bid No. 006-CC03 – FRUIT JUICES.

EAA/mh

G-83