

Business Operations  
J.E. Surash, P.E., Chief Business Officer

**SUBJECT:           AWARD TO BETANCOURT CASTELLON ASSOCIATES, INC.  
PROJECT NO. A0810  
DESIGN-BUILD - ADDITION  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
450 Bird Road, Coral Gables, Florida**

**COMMITTEE:       FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Eleven Design/Build contractors responded to the Request for Qualifications and five were selected for invitation to bid on the design criteria. The Independent Cost Estimate is \$9,195,686. The Design Criteria Professional's final construction cost estimate and the construction budget is \$7,538,349. The Base Bid of the low bidder is 9.02% under the budget.

This project includes minority business enterprise subcontracting assistance levels.

Advertised bids received and opened on September 23, 2003 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</u>
Betancourt Castellon Associates, Inc. Miami, FL	5%	\$ 6,858,000
Veitia Padron, Inc. Miami, FL	5%	6,940,000
Suffolk Construction Co., Inc. W. Palm Beach, FL	5%	8,500,000
3D/International, Inc. Miami, FL	5%	11,487,077

Distribution

Base Bid (Design Build) .....	<u>\$6,858,000</u>
Total Contract .....	6,858,000
Design Criteria Professional Fee .....	397,250
Other Professional Services .....	1,839,774
Project Contingency .....	<u>685,800</u>
Total Funds Required .....	\$9,780,824

Fund Source

Fund            0301 - Impact Fees 2001  
Program        2624 - Coral Gables Sr.  
Location       7071

Description

This project is for the construction of a new three-story (3), 830 student station building. This addition includes 27 general classrooms, one (1) food management lab, kitchen / dining area and administrative suite.

This project is a design build project. It is scheduled for substantial completion within 578 calendar days from date of award or on May 23, 2005.

The Design Criteria Professional, Spillis Candela, DMJM and staff, recommended award of the contract to the low bidder, Betancourt Castellon Associates, Inc.

The Principal/Owner of Betancourt Castellon Associates, Inc. is Mr. Ramiro Betancourt. The Principal/Owner of the Project Architect, Silva Architects is Mr. Rolando Silva.

This project was bid with M.B.E. subcontracting assistance levels of 18% African-American and 6% Women. The recommended contractor will submit M/WBE subcontractors as participants in this project which will be reviewed and monitored for compliance with overall M/WBE assistance levels of 24%.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida award Project No. A0810, Design-Build Addition, Coral Gables Senior High School on the basis of Base Bid in the amount of \$6,858,000 to the low bidder:

Betancourt Castellon Associates, Inc.  
7765 SW 8<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, suite 200  
Miami, Florida 33173

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