

Office of School Facilities  
Jaime G. Torrens, Chief Facilities Officer

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE CURRENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CONSULTANTS (SPC) - STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR FOUR (4) MONTHS, WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS:**

- WILLIAMS-RUSSELL & JOHNSON, INC.
- LIVS ASSOCIATES
- BERGER AVART, INC. (FORMERLY AVART, INC.)
- EAC CONSULTING, INC.

**COMMITTEE:           FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:           IMPROVE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

The School District's current Special Projects Consultants (SPC) - Structural Engineering services agreements with Williams-Russell & Johnson, Inc.; LIVS Associates; Berger Avart, Inc.; and EAC Consulting, Inc. will expire on February 15, 2009.

To effectively support ongoing and future design projects, staff is requesting that the current contractual agreements be extended for an additional four (4) month period until June 15, 2009. This action is requested to cover the time required to complete the interview, selection and negotiation process with new firms.

During the contract extension all fees and contract terms would remain the same as in the original agreements.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to extend the current agreements with the Special Projects Consultants (SPC) - Structural Engineering firms of Williams-Russell & Johnson, Inc.; LIVS Associates; Berger Avart, Inc.; and EAC Consulting, Inc. as follows:

- a) for an additional four (4) month period from February 15, 2009, until June 15, 2009; and
- b) under the same terms, conditions and fees.

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