

Office of School Facilities  
Jaime Torrens, Chief Facilities Officer

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO:**

- 1) EXERCISE THE SECOND-YEAR OPTION OF THE FOUR-YEAR AGREEMENTS WITH MC HARRY & ASSOCIATES, INC., WOLFBERG ALVAREZ & PARTNERS, THE ARCHITECTURAL PARTNERSHIP, INC., CORZO CASTELLA CARBALLO THOMPSON SALMAN, P.A., AND BROWN & BROWN ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING PROJECTS CONSULTANT (A/EPC) SERVICES FOR MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS LESS THAN \$1.0 MILLION EACH, UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND
- 2) REFLECT BROWN & BROWN ARCHITECTS' NAME CHANGE TO CSA CENTRAL, INC.

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM**

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

On March 12, 2008, the Board commissioned the following firms to provide Architectural/Engineering Projects Consultant (A/EPC) Services for miscellaneous projects less than \$1.0 million each, for a four-year term:

- MC Harry & Associates, Inc. (MCH)
- Wolfberg Alvarez & Partners (WAP)
- The Architectural Partnership (TAP)
- Corzo Castella Carballo Thompson Salman, PA (C3TS)
- Brown & Brown Architects (BBA)

Each of the Agreements provides for a four-year term from March 12, 2008 through March 11, 2012, with the second, third, and fourth years at the option of the Board.

The total values of work orders issued to date to each of the firms for the first year of the Agreements are as follows:

• MCH:	\$	0
• WAP:	\$	106,815
• TAP:	\$	38,463
• C3TS:	\$	0
• BBA:	\$	0

On a scale of 1 – 5 (low to high), the most recent overall performance evaluation scores for the firms, issued by staff, for the quarter ending September 30, 2008, are as follows:

• MCH:	4.03
• WAP:	4.57
• TAP:	3.56
• C3TS:	4.09
• BBA:	3.09

On January 28, 2009, Brown & Brown Architects notified staff of the merger with CSA Group and is now conducting business as CSA Central, Inc., an Ohio corporation registered with the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations. CSA Central, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSA Holdings, Inc., and is licensed to provide architectural and engineering services in the State of Florida.

The firm indicated that the merger will have no effect on the management, staffing, insurance or administration of any Miami-Dade County Public Schools projects.

Based on the above information, staff recommends authorization to exercise the second-year option of the Agreements with all five of the referenced firms for A/EPC services under the same terms and conditions.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent, or his designee, to:

- 1) exercise the second-year option of the four-year Agreements with M.C. Harry & Associates, Inc., Wolfberg Alvarez & Partners, The Architectural Partnership, Inc., Corzo Castella Carballo Thompson Salman, P.A., and Brown & Brown Architects to provide Architectural/Engineering Projects Consultant (A/EPC) Services for Miscellaneous Projects less than \$1.0 Million each, under the same terms and conditions; and
- 2) reflect Brown & Brown Architects name change to CSA Central, Inc.