

Office of School Facilities
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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND AND EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH THE GORDIAN GROUP, INC. (d/b/a THE GORDIAN ASSOCIATES, INC.), TO PROVIDE JOB ORDER CONTRACTING SYSTEM CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS AND A FIFTH YEAR AT THE OPTION OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

Background

The Job Order Contracting (JOC) system is a construction delivery method used to execute repair, renovation, remodeling, and minor new construction projects. The JOC system consultant services include, but are not limited to, customized JOC document preparation (up-dating the M-DCPS-specific Unit Price Book, Technical Specifications and Contractual Terms and Conditions); procurement support (marketing support, pre-bid meetings, bid analysis, award recommendations and presentations); a comprehensive JOC management information and support system providing full JOC project tracking, computerized development of cost proposals, proposal validation, independent construction cost estimates, generation of all project documentation and customized reports; training and continuous technical support.

On September 9, 2009, the Board authorized the one-year option of the current Agreement with The Gordian Group, Inc. (TGG), with fee reductions negotiated by staff. TGG's fees were originally computed at 1.5% of the actual construction cost of projects undertaken using the JOC program, up to and including \$30 million, and then 1.25% of the actual construction cost thereafter, on an annual basis. The reduced fees are computed at 1.5% of the actual construction cost of projects up to and including \$20 million and then 1% of the actual construction cost procured in excess of \$20 million, on an annual basis.

In June 2010, the district advertised for JOC System Consultant Services and only TGG responded to our RFQ solicitation.

Extension of Agreement

Rather than complete negotiations for a new contract with increased fees under the June 2010 solicitation, after preliminary negotiations were not as productive as staff had hoped, staff requested a four-year extension and option of a fifth year (with Board approval) of the current Agreement with the reduced fees TGG agreed to in September 2009. TGG agreed to the extension and to maintain the reduced fees for the five year duration. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain the same.

Fees earned by TGG for the most recent term of the contract are as follows:

October 19, 2009 - August 23, 2010: \$ 146,843 on \$ 9,789,513 of construction cost

The Office of School Facilities - Maintenance Operations, the prime user in the District of this construction delivery method, deems the performance of this firm has been satisfactory during the entire term of the Agreement, and recommends that the Board approve the amendment to extend the Agreement from October 19, 2010 to October 18, 2014 or October 18, 2015, if the Board approves the option year.

Therefore, to effectively support on-going and future remodeling, renovations and minor addition construction projects, staff recommends and has determined it is in the best interest of the Board to amend and extend the Agreement with TGG for four additional years and a fifth year at the option of the Board.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to amend and extend the Agreement with The Gordian Group, Inc. (d/b/a The Gordian Associates, Inc.), to provide Job Order Contracting System Consultant Services for four additional years and a fifth year at the option of the Board, under the same terms and conditions of the Agreement as those authorized by the Board on September 9, 2009.

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