

Office of School Facilities
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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE THE REMAINDER OF THE THIRD-YEAR OPTION AND EXERCISE THE FOURTH-YEAR OPTION OF THE FOUR-YEAR AGREEMENTS WITH ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC., AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATING CONSULTING SERVICES

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

On July 15, 2009, the Board commissioned the following firms to provide construction Cost Estimating Consulting (CEC) services:

- Atkins North America, Inc., formerly Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc. (PBS&J)
- Construction Management Services, Inc.

The Agreements provide for a four-year term commencing on July 15, 2009, and terminating on July 14, 2013, with the second, third and fourth years at the option of the Board. In keeping with the goal of reducing costs to the District, staff re-negotiated an approximate 10% reduction of fees, hourly rates, and hourly rate multiplier, which were Board approved on August 4, 2010.

The reduced fees will remain in effect upon the Board's authorization to exercise the remainder of the third-year option and exercise the fourth-year option for Atkins North America, Inc., and Construction Management Services, Inc. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreements remain unchanged.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent, or his designee, to exercise the remainder of the third-year option and exercise the fourth-year option of the Agreements with Atkins North America, Inc., and Construction Management Services, Inc., for construction Cost Estimating Consulting services, as follows:

- 1) with re-negotiated, reduced professional services fees and hourly rate multipliers as approved by the Board on August 4, 2010; and
- 2) with all other terms and conditions of the original Agreements remaining unchanged.

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