

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 SPECIAL PROJECTS CONSULTANT, TIER 1 - STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS UP TO \$250,000 EACH; AND TIER 2 - STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS UP TO \$1.0 MILLION EACH

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

On June 17, 2009, the Board commissioned the following firms to provide:

Tier 1 - Special Projects Consultant (SPC) Structural Engineering services for miscellaneous projects with construction costs of up to \$250,000 each:

- Ingelmo Associates, P.A. (IA)
- BCC Engineering, Inc. (BCCE)
- Youssef Hachem Consulting Engineers, Inc. (YHCE)

Tier 2 - SPC Structural Engineering services for miscellaneous projects with construction costs of up to \$1.0 million each:

- Avart Ammann & Whitney, Inc. (AAW) as Berger Avart, Inc. (BA)
- Hershell Gill Consulting Engineers, Inc. (HGCE)

The Agreements provide for a four-year term commencing on June 17, 2009, and terminating on June 16, 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. Re-negotiation of fees was successful with all firms for the second-year option except with HGCE. Therefore, HGCE is not being recommended for these option years.

The reduced fees will remain in effect upon the Board's authorization to exercise the remainder of the third-year options and exercise the fourth-year options for IA, BCCE, YHCE and AAW. 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 Special Projects Consultant, Tier 1 - Structural Engineering services for miscellaneous projects up to \$250,000 each; and Tier 2 - Structural Engineering services for miscellaneous projects up to \$1.0 million each, 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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