

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

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CONSULTANT - STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (FOR MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS UP TO \$1.0 MILLION EACH) AGREEMENTS FOR TWO (2) YEARS, UNDER THE SAME FEES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH:

1. ARVELO & ASSOCIATES, INC.; AND
2. M. HAJJAR & ASSOCIATES, INC.

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

The District's Special Projects Consultant (SPC) - Structural Engineering Services Agreements with Arvelo & Associates, Inc., and M. Hajjar & Associates, Inc., will expire on January 11, 2016. The SPC Agreements include extensions at the option of the Board to provide the professional services for work orders with construction budgets up to \$1.0 million each. The firms were originally commissioned on February 9, 2011. At that time staff negotiated a further reduction in some of the fees (with both firms) as compared to previous similar professional agreements. The reductions represent an additional average reduction of approximately 1.5% (on fees re-negotiated and reduced by 10.0% across the board in November 2009).

To effectively support on-going, future and General Obligation Bond-funded projects, staff recommends that the SPC Agreements with Arvelo & Associates, Inc., and M. Hajjar & Associates, Inc., be extended for an additional two (2) year period, until January 11, 2018, under the same fees, terms and conditions as the original Agreements.

Performance Evaluations:

The Consultants' Performance Evaluations current average scores for projects currently underway or completed within the last three years (based on a scale of 1 – 5) are as follows:

- Arvelo & Associates, Inc. 3.26
- M. Hajjar & Associates, Inc. 3.55

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent, or his designee, to extend the Special Projects Consultant - Structural Engineering Services Agreement for two (2) years, under the same fees, terms and conditions as the original Agreements with:

1. Arvelo & Associates, Inc.; and
2. M. Hajjar & Associates, Inc.

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