

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

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CONSULTANT (STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING – TIER 2) AGREEMENT WITH AVART AMMANN & WHITNEY, INC. (FORMERLY BERGER AVART, INC.), AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) AMEND FIRM'S NAME TO AMMANN & WHITNEY, INC.**
- 2) REPLACE MR. JORGE CANALES, PE, WITH MR. ERNESTO POLO, PE, AS FIRM'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD; AND**
- 3) AMEND FIRM'S ADDRESS TO 7270 N.W. 12 STREET, SUITE 860, MIAMI, FLORIDA 33126**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

On June 17, 2009, the Board commissioned Berger Avart, Inc. to provide Special Projects Consulting (SPC) Structural Engineering Services - Tier 2, for miscellaneous projects with construction budgets up to \$1 million each, for a four-year term. On April 14, 2010, the Board authorized the firm's name change amendment to Avart Ammann & Whitney, Inc.

In March 2016, the firm notified the District that the firm name had been officially changed again in 2014, from Avart, Ammann & Whitney, Inc., to Ammann & Whitney, Inc., and that there had been no change to the ownership of the company. The company also changed their physical address, and the person authorized to represent the firm to the Board.

Staff requested up-dated information and the firm has submitted all required, up-dated information and insurance certification to verify that the changes requested by Ammann & Whitney, Inc., are correct and complete, and that insurance coverage remains in full effect as required by the Agreement. While the Agreement is no longer active, two projects remain to be completed by the firm.

Ammann & Whitney, Inc. has assured the District that they will complete these projects as required by their contract, and that there are no other fees or additional costs associated with the changes requested. Therefore, staff recommends that the firm's SPC Agreement, be amended to reflect the firm's new name of Ammann & Whitney, Inc., new address to 7270 N.W. 12 Street, Suite 860, Miami, Florida 33126, and to reflect the change of the individual responsible to the Board from Mr. Jorge Canales, PE, to Mr. Ernesto Polo, PE.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the amendments to the Special Projects Consultant (Structural) Agreement with Avart, Ammann & Whitney, Inc. (formerly Berger Avart, Inc.), as follows:

- 1) Amend firm's name to Ammann & Whitney, Inc.;
- 2) Replace Mr. Jorge Canales, PE., with Mr. Ernesto Polo, PE, as firm's authorized representative to the Board; and
- 3) Amend firm's address to 7270 N.W. 12 Street, Suite 860, Miami, Florida 33126.

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