

Office of School Facilities  
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**SUBJECT: REJECTION OF AWARD AND ALL BIDS FOR THE NEW CLASSROOM ADDITION AT ALONZO AND TRACY MOURNING SENIOR HIGH BISCAYNE BAY; PROJECT NUMBER 02092300**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE & SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES**

Background:

On January 18, 2022, a solicitation was published to competitively bid (Hard Bid) the new classroom addition project at Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High Biscayne Bay (a reuse of Ruth K. Broad/ Bay Harbor K-8 Center classroom building addition).

Two (2) sealed bids were received, and these were opened on March 3, 2022, at Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High Biscayne Bay, Room 227. The District staff from the Office of School Facilities, staff from the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Project Architect witnessed the bid opening.

The analysis of the bid tabulation determined that Thornton Construction Company, Inc. (Thornton) was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and was awarded the project at the April 13, 2022, School Board meeting (agenda item F-41).

After award, the second lowest bidder filed a formal protest. Through the protest discovery process, Thornton agreed to withdraw its bid. Furthermore, it was also determined that the second lowest bidder was non-responsive for failure to meet the mandatory M/WBE goals as required and outlined in the solicitation documents. More specifically, the solicitation documents required a "Mandatory M/WBE Subcontracting Goals: 16.92%- Non-minority women, African American, native American and Asian American-owned firms." The second lowest bidder was unable to meet this requirement, which resulted in the bid response being deemed non-responsive. Therefore, staff is recommending the rejection of the award and all bids related to this project. The project will be re-bid and taken to an upcoming School Board meeting for award.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, reject the award to Thornton Construction Company, Inc. and all bids for the new classroom addition project at Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High Biscayne Bay; Project Number 02092300.

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