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Contract Oversight Unit

Contract/Procurement Activities

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Project: Attend Contract Selection Committee Meeting
Completed By: Aida Smith
Dates Covered: 2/11/2021 To 2/11/2021
Activity Type: Procurement-RFP Activity #: 21-SC-16
Status: Completed
Department/Office: Construction Purchasing
District Employee POC: Barbara Myers, Construction Purchasing Agent
Estimated Contract Value: \$3,948,000
Meeting Attended: In-Person ☑ Virtual □ Telephonic □ Recording □
Agenda Attached: Yes ⊠ No □ N/A □
Synopsis of the Contract/Procurement: Selection Committee met to evaluate proposals
submitted in response to an advertised Request For Proposal to obtain Construction
Management at Risk Services for Facility Renovations & Repairs at Limestone Creek Elementary School (RFP 21C-039S).
Goal of the Review/Monitoring: Observe contract selection committee meeting process to
promote honesty, integrity, and transparency during the District's procurement and contracting processes.
Issues/Concerns Identified: None
Commendations Identified: N/A
Recommendations/Observations: Meeting appeared to be conducted in a manner consistent
with the Evaluation Process outlined in the RFP. No Recommendations.

**Project:** Attend Contract Selection Committee Meeting Completed By: Aida Smith **Dates Covered: 2/23/2021 To** 2/23/2021 **Activity Type:** Procurement-RFP **Activity #: 21-SC-17 Status:** Completed **Department/Office:** Construction Purchasing District Employee POC: Helen Stokes, Construction Purchasing Agent **Estimated Contract Value:** \$4,648,039 Meeting Attended: In-Person ⊠ Virtual □ Telephonic □ Recording □ Agenda Attached: Yes ⊠ No □ N/A □ Synopsis of the Contract/Procurement: Selection Committee met to evaluate proposals submitted in response to an advertised Request For Proposal to obtain Construction Management at Risk Services for Facility Renovations & Repair at Banyan Creek ES (RFP 21C-029R). Goal of the Review/Monitoring: Observe contract selection committee meeting process to promote honesty, integrity, and transparency during the District's procurement and contracting processes. Issues/Concerns Identified: None Commendations Identified: N/A **Recommendations/Observations:** Meeting appeared to be conducted in a manner consistent with the Evaluation Process outlined in the RFP. No Recommendations.

**Project:** Attend Contract Selection Committee Meeting Completed By: Robert Bliss **Dates Covered: 2/25/2021 To** 2/25/2021 **Activity Type:** Procurement-RFP **Activity #: 21-SC-18 Status:** Completed **Department/Office:** Construction Purchasing **District Employee POC:** Helen Stokes, Construction Purchasing Agent **Estimated Contract Value:** \$14,070,000 Meeting Attended: In-Person □ Virtual □ Telephonic □ Recording ☒ Agenda Attached: Yes ⊠ No □ N/A □ Synopsis of the Contract/Procurement: Selection Committee met to evaluate proposals submitted in response to an advertised Request For Proposal to obtain Construction Management at Risk Services for Facilities Renovation & Repair at Lake Worth Community High School (RFP 21C-043R). Goal of the Review/Monitoring: Observe contract selection committee meeting process to promote honesty, integrity, and transparency during the District's procurement and contracting processes. Issues/Concerns Identified: None. Commendations Identified: N/A Recommendations/Observations: Meeting appeared to be conducted in a manner consistent with the Evaluation Process outlined in the RFP.

Project: Attend Construction Oversight & Review Committee Meeting (CORC) **Completed By:** Robert Bliss **Dates Covered: 3/22/2021 To** 3/22/2021 **Activity Type:** Advisory Committee Meeting Activity #: 21-AC-7 **Status:** Completed **Department/Office:** Facilities Management District Employee POC: David Dolan, Deputy Chief of Facilities Management Meetings Attended: In-Person □ Virtual ☒ Telephonic □ Recording □ Agenda Attached: Yes ⊠ No □ N/A □ Synopsis: The CORC is advisory to the School Board and assists the Board by oversight of, and making recommendations concerning, the work to build quality schools on time and within budget. Part of CORC's responsibility includes the selection process for architects, engineers, and contractors, project budget/cost monitoring, and change order review. Goal of the Review/Monitoring: As part of the OIG's contract review responsibilities, we regularly attend monthly CORC meetings to observe discussions regarding construction related contracts, and to identify risk areas for potential future OIG reviews. Potential Risks Identified: 1) Pursuing liquidated damages. 2) Large contracts entered into under a "continuing contract". Commendations Identified: N/A Recommendations/Observations: N/A

Next Step/Milestone: Attend the next CORC meeting scheduled for April 15, 2021.

**Project:** Attend Contract Selection Committee Meeting

**Completed By:** Aida Smith

**Dates Covered:** 3/23/2021 **To** 3/23/2021

Activity Type: Procurement-RFP Activity #: 21-SC-19

**Status:** Completed

**Department/Office:** Construction Purchasing

**District Employee POC:** Barbara Myers, Construction Purchasing Agent

**Estimated Contract Value:** \$19,900,000

Meeting Attended: In-Person oximes Virtual oximes Telephonic oximes Recording oximes

Agenda Attached: Yes ⊠ No □ N/A □

**Synopsis of the Contract/Procurement:** Selection Committee met to evaluate proposals submitted in response to an advertised Request For Proposal to obtain Construction Management at Risk Services for Melaleuca Elementary School (RFP 21C-027E).

**Goal of the Review/Monitoring:** Observe contract selection committee meeting process to promote honesty, integrity, and transparency during the District's procurement and contracting processes.

**Issues/Concerns Identified:** One proposer made a statement that had the potential to be perceived as an attempt to influence a committee member. (That proposer was not the "top ranked proposer" that was recommended for contract award).

Commendations Identified: N/A

**Recommendations/Observations:** Meeting appeared to be conducted in a manner consistent with the Evaluation Process outlined in the RFP. Our observation of the potential for a perceived attempt to influence a committee member was discussed with Management, who indicated they would discuss/address the potential issue with staff.

Project: Procurement Review- Design Services for Sunset Palms Middle School

Completed By: Robert Bliss

**Scope of Review:** 11/24/2019 **To:** 4/29/2020

Activity Type: Procurement-RFP Activity #: 21-R-1

**Status:** Committee

**Department/Office:** Purchasing Department

**District Employee POC:** Darci Garbacz, Director of Purchasing

**Estimated Contract Value:** \$2,205,498

Meetings Attended: In-Person  $\square$  Virtual  $\square$  Telephonic  $\square$  Recordings  $\boxtimes$ 

Agenda Attached: Yes □ No □ N/A ☒

**Synopsis of the Contract/Procurement:** Evaluation and selection of proposals submitted in response to an advertised Request for Proposal for Design Services for Sunset Palms Middle School (RFP 20C-009R).

**Goal of the Review/Monitoring:** As part of the OIG's contract oversight responsibilities, we reviewed the selection and award process used by the Purchasing Department to procure design services for Sunset Palms Middle School. The objective of our review was to assess the adequacy of the process.

**Issues/Concerns Identified:** The Purchasing Department's Purchasing Manual provides limited guidance on Evaluation Committee composition. Although not required or mandated by law/rule/policy, certain enhancements to the Manual may be beneficial to the District.

Commendations Identified: N/A

#### **Recommendations/Observations:**

- 1. Contract award process was adequate.
- 2. Although not required, we recommend Evaluation Committee policies and procedures be enhanced to require voting members to be District (or government) employees, with limited and defined exceptions if there is a documented justified need.

**Next Step/Milestone:** Present draft report to Audit Committee.

**Project**: Contract Review- Program Management Support Services

**Completed By:** Aida Smith

**Scope of Review:** 1/1/2017 **To:** 1/31/2020

Activity Type: Contract Activity #: 21-R-2

**Status:** Committee

**Department/Office:** Facilities Management Department

District Employee POC: David Dolan, Deputy Chief of Facilities Management

**Estimated Contract Value:** Up to \$26,400,000 over 10 years

**Synopsis of the Contract/Procurement:** AECOM Technical Services, Inc. serves as the Program Manager for the delivery of the District's Capital Improvement Program.

**Goal of the Review/Monitoring:** As part of the OIG's contract oversight responsibilities, we reviewed the District's contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to determine if the services provided by the vendor were consistent with the contract terms.

#### **Issues/Concerns Identified:**

- 1. Invoices/Payments not always in equal monthly installments as required.
- 2. Inconsistent invoice number structure being used.
- 3. Staff occasionally made minor adjustments to vendor invoice amounts without documenting the reasons for the adjustments.

**Commendations Identified:** Program Manager satisfactorily administered the contracted program management services.

#### **Recommendations/Observations:**

- 1. Staff should ensure the Program Manager complies with the terms of the contract that require invoices be submitted in equal monthly installments based on project duration.
- 2. Staff should ensure the new invoice numbering system is documented in written procedures, and that the procedures are followed.
- 3. The Facilities Management department should ensure the new procedures that limit staff's authority to adjust vendor invoices are formally documented in writing, and communicated to staff.

**Next Step/Milestone:** Present draft report to Audit Committee.

# Attachments to Quarterly Report for March 31, 2021 (Agendas of Meetings Attended)



RFP NO.: 21C-039S - PROJECT NO.: 2031-7100

CMAR SERVICES FOR
FACILITIES RENOVATIONS AND REPAIR

**LIMESTONE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 

**EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING** 

#### **AGENDA**

1:00 P.M.

- Call to Order
- Record Public Attendance
- Confirm Presence of Quorum Committee Members
- Instructions to Committee
- Discussion of Proposals
- Public Comments
- Tabulation of Scoring from Committee Members
- Announce Selected Firms
- Adjournment



**RFP NO. 21C-029R** 

# CM @ RISK SERVICES FOR FACILITIES RENOVATIONS & REPAIR BANYAN CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### **EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### AGENDA

**FEBRUARY 23, 2021** 

1:00 P.M.

**PEW Center** 

**Presentation Room** 

- > Call to Order
- Record Public Attendance
- Confirm Presence of Quorum Committee Members
- > Instructions to Committee
- Discussion of Proposals
- Public Comments
- > Tabulation of Scoring from Committee Members
- > Announce Selected Firms
- > Adjournment



**RFP NO. 21C-043R** 

# CM @ RISK SERVICES FOR FACILITIES RENOVATIONS & REPAIR LAKE WORTH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

#### **EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### AGENDA

**FEBRUARY 25, 2021** 

9:00 A.M.

**PEW Center** 

**Presentation Room** 

- > Call to Order
- Record Public Attendance
- > Confirm Presence of Quorum Committee Members
- > Instructions to Committee
- Discussion of Proposals
- Public Comments
- > Tabulation of Scoring from Committee Members
- > Announce Selected Firms
- > Adjournment



## CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT & REVIEW COMMITTEE



### **AGENDA MARCH 22, 2021** 9:00am to 11:30AM

Item #	Item/Issue	Presenter	Objective
1.00	Call to Oder/Attendance	Porter	Call to Order/Attendance
	Attendance		CORC members physically present to vote on allowing other CORC members to attend virtually
	Chairman's Report	Porter	Opening announcements by the Chair. Approve agenda.
	Conflict of Interest Statements/ Lobbyist discussion disclosures		Conflict of Interest statements to be presented and read into the minutes
	CORC Report		No Report Last Month
	Staff Updates		
2.00	Public Comments	Porter	
3.00	Board Agenda Items		
	Consent Agenda	Porter	Identify relevant Board agenda items to pull for discussion.
	Facilities Construction	Dolan/Staff	Review item (s) pulled for discussion
	Purchasing Construction	Garbacz/Moon	Review item (s) pulled for discussion
4.00	Discussion Items - Set		
	In-progress FCA Work Update	Dolan / Staff	Photos and Data on In-Progress Work.
	Follow Up	Kunard	Follow Up – No Follow up this month.
5.00	Discussion Items – Updates/New		
5.01	PPE Scoring	Kunard	Discussion on time limit for PPE score report for selection proces  Deferred until April
5.02	Review Policies 7.23 & 7.225	Kunard	Review of proposed changes to Policies 7.23 – Retainage withhe & 7.225 Contingency funds. <b>Deferred until April</b>
6.01	Approval of Minutes	Porter	Approve minutes of previous meeting(s).
6.02	Elections		Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair
7.00	Review and Set Agenda	Porter	Review key decisions and commitments and set agenda for next meeting.
8.00	Adjourn	Porter	Close
9.00	Meeting Documents/Policies		Meeting Handouts – Items/Policies relevant to meeting agenda.
10.00	Links		See web agenda
11.00	Audio		Added after meeting



RFP NO. 21C-027E

CM @ RISK SERVICES FOR

MODERNIZATION AT

**MELALEUCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 

### PHASE II EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### AGENDA

MARCH 23, 2021

9:00 A.M.

The Mary & Robert PEW

**Leadership Development** 

Center

- > Call to Order
- Record Public Attendance
- > Confirm Presence of Quorum Committee Members
- > Instructions to Committee
- Presentations
  - JAMES B. PIRTLE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. 9:05 AM - 9:40 AM
  - MOSS & ASSOCIATES, LLC 9:50 AM 10:25 AM
  - WHARTON-SMITH, INC. 10:35 AM 11:10 AM
- > Tabulation of Scoring from Committee Members
- > Announce Selected Firms
- > Adjournment