

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PRE-PURCHASE 2 CHILLERS
FOR SOUTHAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

March 8, 2010

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department on behalf of the Planning and Construction Department is requesting a decision by the Board of Education to award a contract to Chesapeake Systems LLC, 7400 Coca Cola Drive, Hanover Maryland 21076 to furnish, deliver and provide related service for the pre-purchase of two (2) 290 ton water cooled chillers manufactured by Smardt/Turbocor.

Discussion:

Planning and Construction contracted with Spears/Votta & Associates to prepare engineering specifications for the pre-purchase of two chillers for Southampton Middle School. Bids were opened on January 26, 2010. The results of the bidding are as follows:

Johnson Controls	\$199,700.00
Chesapeake Systems	\$277,849.00
Havtech	\$296,000.00

Planning and Construction and Spears Votta evaluated the low bid submitted by Johnson Controls. It has been determined that the low bid does not meet the performance criteria specified which would result in higher installation costs. They also could not meet the required delivery requirements. As a result, a recommendation is made by Planning and Construction to award to the next lowest bidder, Chesapeake Systems, whose bid is totally responsive and meets the required engineering specifications and delivery requirements.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the above described project to Chesapeake Systems in the amount of \$277,849.00.