

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING FOR INDOOR AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS HCPS LOCATIONS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Background Information:

On behalf of the Facilities Department, the Purchasing Department is requesting approval to award contracts to Alban Engineering, Inc., located at 303 International Circle, Suite #450, Hunt Valley, MD 21030 and Kibart, Inc., located at 901 Dulaney Valley Road, Suite #301, Towson, MD 21204 for mechanical engineering for indoor air quality improvements at various HCPS locations, in the amount of \$336,572.

Discussion:

Harford County Public Schools requires mechanical engineer support for the process of assessing and improving indoor air quality throughout the district. HCPS's two (2) goals of this contract is Goal #1: The Engineer to evaluate all HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) systems to assess compliance with ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) and CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidance and Goal #2: The Engineer to provide design recommendations to increase air filtration efficiency in all existing ventilation equipment to Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 13. The Engineer will determine each equipment's compatibility with MERV 13 filters. Once the evaluation is complete, HCPS will determine next steps in improvements at each location.

The Request for Quote was sent to the four (4) pre-qualified engineers requesting pricing for four (4) regions: Northern, Southern, Eastern, Central with their perspective schools in each according to their location around the district. Alban Engineering will be awarded the Southern and Central Regions while Kibart, Inc. the Northern and Eastern Regions.

The contracting vehicle for this project is Harford County Government RFP #21-145: Open-End Architectural and Engineering Services.

The funding sources for these services are the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II).

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of contracts to Alban Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$113,120 and Kibart, Inc., in the amount of \$223,452, totaling \$336,572.