

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT
NORTH HARFORD HIGH SCHOOL
ROOF REPLACEMENT & ROOFTOP ENERGY RECOVERY UNITS
REPLACEMENT**

April 27, 2026

Background Information:

Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) is planning to replace the rooftop energy recovery units (ERUs) and the roof at North Harford High School. The existing ERUs are failing and are a key part of the building's heating and cooling system, which impacts air quality and overall performance. The roof is at the end of its useful life and requires replacement. The roof and ERU work have been combined into one project as the most practical and cost-effective approach.

HCPS has pursued funding for this project over multiple years through local and State capital programs. This project is supported by both State and local funding.

Energy Recovery Units (ERUs):

- Local CIP (FY 2024): \$1,200,000
- State CIP Planning (FY 2025): \$165,000
- Maryland Energy Administration Grant (FY 2026): \$2,300,000

Roof Replacement:

- Local CIP (FY 2026): \$3,705,000
- State Healthy Schools Grant (FY 2026): \$4,835,390.40

The Board of Education approved a contract with Gilbert Architects on November 17, 2025, for design services. The project was designed and bid on April 17, 2026.

Discussion:

Seven (7) contractors submitted bids for the project. Towson Mechanical, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible base bid in the amount of \$4,932,000 for the roof replacement. The firm also submitted a bid of \$4,400,000 for Alternate No. 1 replacement of the Energy Recovery Units (ERUs).

The roof portion of the project bid under budget, while the ERU portion bid over budget. To fully fund the project, HCPS is requesting approval to transfer \$1,000,000 from the roof replacement budget to the ERU budget within the Systemic category of the capital fund.

A bid tabulation is attached. Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation for this project includes an overall goal of 25%, with subgoals of 8% for African American-owned businesses and 11% for women-owned businesses.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$1,000,000 within the Systemic category of the capital fund from the roof replacement budget to the Energy Recovery Units (ERU) budget, and approve a contract for the above-described construction services for the North Harford High School Roof Replacement & Rooftop Energy Recovery Units Replacement Project to Towson Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of Nine Million Three Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$9,332,000.00), which represents the sum of the base bid and accepted Alternate No. 1.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

**DECISION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT
NORTH HARFORD HIGH SCHOOL
ROOF REPLACEMENT & ROOFTOP ENERGY RECOVERY UNITS
REPLACEMENT**

APRIL 27 2026

A. ADD ALTERNATE NO. 1

Provide replacement of all Rooftop Energy Recovery Units and associated work as shown on the Structural, Mechanical and Electrical Drawings. The Lump Sum Alternate for the replacement of Rooftop Energy Recovery Units include prevailing wage scale.

**BID TAB SHEET
HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NORTH HARFORD HIGH SCHOOL
ROOF REPLACEMENT & ROOFTOP ENERGY RECOVERY UNITS REPLACEMENT
APRIL 16, 2026, 2:00PM**

BIDDERS	Towson Mechanical	Island Contracting	D Project Inc	Cole Roofing	SGK Contracting	Ruff Roofing & Sheet Metal	Citiroof
Aff. of Qual to Bid	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bid Bond	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MBE – SOP & UA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Addendum #1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Addendum #2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Addendum #3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Addendum #4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Addendum #5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BASE BID	\$4,932,000	\$3,916,871	\$4,160,000	\$4,689,600	\$5,332,000	\$4,989,813	\$5,679,900
Add Alternate #1	\$4,400,000	\$5,614,639	\$6,700,000	\$6,271,300	\$5,998,000	\$6,496,000	\$7,736,600
TOTAL	\$9,332,000	\$9,531,510	\$10,860,000	\$10,960,900	\$11,330,000	\$11,485,813	\$13,416,500