

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) EVALUATION, DESIGN AND GRANT SERVICES FOR FIVE (5) SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Date:	October 12, 2026
Contract Number and Title:	26-JH-017 PFAS Evaluation, Design and Grant Services for Five (5) Schools

Procurement Type:	Request for Proposal (RFP)
# of RFPs Received:	3

Term:	Effective upon authorization and continuing subject to the availability and appropriation of funding
Renewals:	Five (5) additional, one (1) year renewals

Estimated Value of Contract	\$634,682.00
Funding Source:	Capital Funding
Department:	Facilities

Description:

- The contract will provide comprehensive evaluation, design, and grant submission services for five (5) schools, Dublin Elementary, Fallston High, Harford Technical High, Norrisville Elementary, and Prospect Mill Elementary, which have test results exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).
- The contract shall include all services necessary for project assessment, evaluation, design, and preparation and submission of grant funding applications.
- The objective of the project is to reduce PFAS concentrations to levels below the current enforceable Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) established by regulatory authorities.
- As part of the evaluation, the Engineer will assess each school to determine the appropriate Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment system required to effectively remove PFAS from the potable water supply. The evaluation will identify suitable locations and space requirements for the treatment equipment and determine whether the system can be accommodated within the existing facility.
- If sufficient space is not available within an existing facility, the Engineer will determine whether a separate building or other dedicated structure will be required to house the treatment system.

- The Engineer will prepare and submit grant applications on behalf of Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) through the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to pursue available funding for the project.
- The contract term shall commence upon issuance of the Notice of Award and shall include all services necessary to complete the project assessment, evaluation, design, and preparation and submission of grant funding applications.
- If grant funding is awarded, or if capital funding is otherwise approved and made available, the contract will remain in effect through the construction phase, including construction administration, project completion, and closeout services. If funding is not awarded or otherwise allocated, the project will conclude following completion of the assessment, design, and grant application phase.
- The evaluation committee consisted of representatives from HCPS Facilities and Planning and Construction.
- Proposals were evaluated based on technical criteria and cost. The award recommendation was based on the following evaluation matrix:

Evaluation Criteria Matrix	Maximum Possible Points
Tab 1 – Profile and Submittal Letter	10
Tab 2 – Experience of Firm/Personnel	20
Tab 3 – Technical Approach and Methodology	25
Tab 4 – References	10
Cost Proposals	35
Combined Total	100

Recommended Award To:

EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC	Hunt Valley, MD
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