

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT
BEL AIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILLER REPLACEMENT**

March 14, 2011

Background Information:

Bid documents for the Bel Air Elementary School Chiller Replacement/Boiler Room Upgrades were issued and advertised during the month of January 2011. Bids were received and opened on February 15, 2011. Local funding for the project was provided in FY2011. The base bid cost estimate is \$274,500.00.

Discussion:

Four (4) contractors submitted bids for the project. M & E Sales, Inc. submitted the responsive and responsible low base bid in the amount of two hundred seventy thousand and seventy eight dollars (\$270,078.00) and recommended Alternate # 1 in the amount of sixty six thousand and one hundred thirty nine dollars (\$66,139.00). A bid tabulation and description of the alternate are attached. M & E Sales, Inc. is one of the three approved on-call mechanical/plumbing contractors for Harford County Public Schools and has done work in neighboring school districts. Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation on this project will be 25%.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the above described construction services to replace the chiller and provide boiler room upgrades at Bel Air Elementary, in the amount of \$336,217.00, to M & E Sales, Inc. The amount of award is the sum of the base bid and Alternate #1.