

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON CONTRACT COVERING ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES AT
VARIOUS HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL LOCATIONS**

AUGUST 3, 2009

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department on behalf of the Facilities Department is requesting a decision by the Board to approve a contract to three electrical contractors to provide on-call plumbing service to various schools and office locations. This will include regular hourly response (7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), off hour response and emergency response. It is estimated that the annual contract expenditure will be in excess of \$100,000 based on historical spending analysis.

Discussion:

This contract covers a broad spectrum of plumbing services. Specifications were prepared and sealed bids received on July 13, 2009. Seven bids were received based on hourly wage rates for journeyman and apprentice plumbers. A supplies and material markup was also requested, but not used for the purpose of this evaluation. Based on an average of hourly rates for regular hours and hourly rates for off hours, the bid pricing was as follows:

<i>G. E. Tignall Inc.</i>	\$ 97.50/hour
<i>M & E Inc.</i>	\$132.50/hour
<i>Denver Elek Inc.</i>	\$140.00/hour
Fisher Inc.	\$142.93/hour
Warder Inc.	\$150.00/hour
ARS Inc.	\$182.50/hour
ACI LLC	\$236.25/hour

The bid specifications indicated that multiple awards would be made. The Facilities Department would like to award contracts to the lowest three bidders—G.E. Tignall Inc., M&E Inc. and Denver Elek Inc. Once awarded, all plumbing service needs as described in the bid will only be handled by these three contractors. The term of the contract is for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods. Prices are firm for year one and may be renegotiated for succeeding years upon renewal.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the contract awards to the three lowest bidders as indicated.