

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON

CONTRACT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

November 22, 2010

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Title 1 Office, is requesting a decision on award of a contract to Young Audiences of Maryland, Inc. to provide instructional professional development services designed to improve Reading and Math student performance at the elementary grade levels.

Discussion:

Young Audiences of Maryland, Inc. will provide an on-site Professional Development Program at two elementary schools beginning December 1, 2010. Young Audiences will use integrated arts strategies in the classroom at William Paca and Magnolia Elementary Schools to improve Reading and Math student performance. Young Audiences will provide on-site supervisor services, on-site master teachers, collaborative observation process, systematic professional development, enhanced curriculum writing, student performance benchmark evaluations and on-site artists in residence.

Because of the specialized and unique nature of this program, Young Audiences of Maryland, Inc. is considered a Sole Source provider of this service.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the Sole Source procurement and contract with Young Audiences of Maryland, Inc. in the amount of \$141,600. This program is being fully financed with grant funds.