

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD ON  
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT  
AT FALLSTON HIGH SCHOOL

May 12, 2008

Background Information:

On behalf of Facilities Management, the Purchasing Department is requesting approval to award a contract to Action Electrical Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$206,800 to remove and replace the existing fire alarm system with a new state-of-the-art system at Fallston High School.

Discussion:

The fire alarm system at Fallston High School is the original system installed when the school was built. The system is obsolete, not ADA compliant and is not in compliance with existing electrical code. The installation of the proposed new system is scheduled to begin approximately July 1, and work will extend through the summer and into the new school year with completion by October 31, 2008. The contractor understands that the existing system must remain operational while students occupy the building.

Bid packages or bid announcements were sent to 40 vendors; four bid responses were received, as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Action Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$206,800.00
Key Systems, Inc.	267,000.00
Lee's Electrical Contracting, Inc.	217,970.00
Urban Francis, LLC	273,200.00

Funding for this project is as follows:

\$134,420.00	21848 15 36 082 52410	State of Maryland Aging Schools
\$ 72,380.00	360 9074 02 01 52410	Local Capital/Maintenance

As a portion of the funding for this project is provided through State of Maryland Aging Schools funds, all documents are subject to review and approval by the State Board of Public Works at their June 26, 2008 meeting.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of the contract to Action Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$206,800 for the replacement of the fire alarm system at Fallston High School.