

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON**

**CONTRACT AWARD FOR FLEET VEHICLES**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

Background Information:

On behalf of the Transportation Department, the Purchasing Department is requesting a decision by the Board to award a contract to American Bus Sales Inc., located at 195 Defense Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401, in the amount of \$222,620.91 to purchase five (5) – 2500 Sprinter 2012 Vans. Five (5) vehicles are offered as trade-ins.

The basis for the cost of these fleet vehicles to be purchased has been established through piggybacking a bid contract awarded by the Maryland Department of General Services, BPO# 001B1400385. A provision of the contract allows for adding optional equipment as required at a discounted price.

Discussion:

To replace an aging fleet of vehicles determined to be beyond economic repair, Facilities Management has requested five new 2500 Sprinter, model year 2012 vans, to handle the ongoing needs of the department. Optional equipment is to be added to outfit each vehicle with features needed for specific maintenance occupations.

The five trade-in vehicles range from 1998 through 2003 models and have between 98,000 and 162,386 miles.

Funds for this project are budgeted in the capital equipment budget, fiscal year 2012.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of a contract to American Bus Sales Inc., in the amount of \$222,620.91, for the purchase of five 2012 Sprinter Vans to replace existing vehicles.