

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CONTRACT

September 12, 2011

Background Information

Harford County Public Schools participates in the cooperative procurement of electricity through the Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (BRCPC). In January 2006, the Board approved the agreement to procure electricity directly from the electric power producers, entering into a cost-plus contract. That contract expires January 16, 2012.

Discussion

Last August BRCPC developed a solicitation for electricity supply. Seven firms responded. A BRCPC energy committee interviewed and evaluated the responses, reducing the number of candidates down to two. Those two were then asked for Best and Final Offers (BAFO). The energy committee has selected Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc. as the electric supply services contractor. Washington Gas will charge the cost of the electricity through their state license and add their transactional fee. The transactional fee is \$.80MWh. The term of the contract is one year with four one-year renewal options. There is no price escalation in the contract. The fee will remain the same for all five years.

BRCPC contracts with EnerNOC as energy consultants to direct Washington Gas as to when and how much electricity to purchase.

Superintendent's Recommendation

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the continued participation with the Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (BRCPC) for the wholesale purchase of electricity from Washington Gas Energy Services.