

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON

AUDITORIUM SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

OCTOBER 10, 2011

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department on behalf of the Office of Technology is requesting a decision by the Board of Education for the purchase of products and services from East Shore Sound, located in Jarrettsville, MD 21084, in the amount of \$148,583.67, for an upgrade to the Auditorium Sound System at Havre de Grace High School.

The basis for the pricing of products and services to be purchased has been established through utilization of two existing HCPS contracts: Bid# 12-RRK-002 for an Auditorium Sound System Upgrade and Bid # 11-DGH-007 for an Auditorium Sound System.

Discussion:

The Havre de Grace High School auditorium serves as a multi-purpose space for hosting performing art events, both school and county showcases, high school graduation, public meetings and high school classes. The sound system supports the auditorium's use for school-related and public activities which require upgraded functionality and capability, including clear intelligible sound throughout the space for program material that range from a single person speaking to a full musical production with both music and speech content.

The current system has a limited number of input channels, inadequate speakers for sound coverage, lack of a remote on and off power system and lack of an upload system to the main house speakers without the need for the house sound board and components. All of these shortcomings will be addressed with the new system with the addition of a four channel intercom system for event coordination and management.

The proposed sound system can be removed and the components reused should the building realize a renovation in future years.

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

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the purchase of products and services for an Auditorium Sound System Upgrade at Havre de Grace High School, to East Shore Sound, in the amount of \$148,583.67.