

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT A/E SERVICES FOR RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC SYSTEMIC REPLACEMENT

June 13, 2016

Background Information:

As part of the FY 2017 Capital Improvement Budget Request, the Board of Education of Harford County approved capital funding, in the amount of eight million, seven hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$8,780,000.00), as required, to fund the HVAC systemic replacement at Riverside Elementary School. This project is state and locally funded. The project requires engineering, design, and construction administration services to develop construction documents that are needed to obtain pricing for construction services to replace/upgrade the existing HVAC system. The work includes, but is not limited to, gas fired, electrically cooled roof top units; piping; new ductwork and updated temperature controls. The electrical switchgear will be replaced and a back-up generator will be added; Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) requirements will also be addressed under this project. In addition, the exterior doors and windows will be replaced under this project.

Design services will provide the construction documents to adequately reflect the repair and/or replacement of existing architectural elements and systems that are affected by the renovation. The project will support our current sustainability initiatives from the early design phases through the construction of the project, and we will pursue any eligible BGE rebates.

Discussion:

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering/Architectural Design Services was issued by HCPS' Facilities Department. In response to this RFQ, fourteen (14) firms submitted responses that were evaluated by a selection committee that considered team qualifications, experience, workload, and references. Six (6) firms were "shortlisted," interviewed, and ranked.

As a result of this process, the committee has selected the engineering firm of Burdette, Koehler, Murphy & Associates, Inc. (BKM) to provide the services required to successfully complete the HVAC systemic replacement project at Riverside Elementary School. BKM has successfully performed professional engineering/design services for Harford County Public Schools at Dublin Elementary School, Magnolia Middle School, and Fallston High School.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the above described professional design services for the HVAC systemic replacement project at Riverside Elementary School, in the amount of \$574,963.00, to BKM.