

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON

LANGUAGE LABORATORY SYSTEM AT ABERDEEN HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 13, 2014

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department is requesting a decision by the Board of Education for the award of a contract to Stevens Learning Systems, Inc., located at 508 W. Vandament Avenue, Suite 303, Yukon, Oklahoma, 73099 in the amount of \$103,140.00 for the purchase of the Renaissance 2200 System for four (4) foreign language laboratories at Aberdeen High.

A single source procurement method is requested to acquire this unique proprietary language laboratory, the Renaissance 2200 System, used in other HCPS high schools. The basis for the price of the software, equipment and services is the master price and cost model which reflects discounts extended to public school districts.

Discussion:

The Renaissance 2200 language laboratory system enables foreign language instructional staff to address the issues of integration using language lab technology within the curriculum in a classroom setting. Four (4) classrooms have been wired specifically for this application. A unique motorized drop-down tray system is to be installed into the ceiling whereby they are lowered as needed at the teacher console to the students for instruction. Each motorized drop-down tray can accommodate up to 12 students; three trays are installed into each classroom. Teacher training provided by Stevens Learning Systems, Inc. and a one year warranty are included.

Stevens Learning utilizes varied technologies in the instructional requirements of each language lab: Renaissance 2200 system controller, SLSI software and a full-class digital recorder and related software; Microsoft Office software; Dell laptop computer; VCR/DVD player, ceiling mounted LCD projector; audiocassette recorder and player; CD audio program source; and teacher/student headsets, call button and boom microphone.

Deductions have been taken for the purchase of laptop computers, LCD projectors and electrical connections acquired separately to reduce costs through the use of our existing procurement contracts. A Department of Defense STEM grant funded account is the funding source for this for Aberdeen High School project.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the purchase of a language laboratory system for Aberdeen High School in the amount of \$103,140.00 to Stevens Learning Systems, Inc.