

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON AWARD OF SCIENCE/LABWARE

SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT CONTRACT

April 13, 2015

Background Information:

Harford County Public Schools is requesting approval to award a contract to Fisher Science Education for the supply of Science/Labware Supplies and Equipment. The current contract is set to expire on June 30, 2015.

Discussion:

Harford County Public Schools as a member of U.S. Communities Public Services Alliance has used many U.S. Communities contracts for commodities such as office supplies, sporting goods, science supplies and various facility supplies. As Lead Agency for this contract, Harford County Public Schools again served as Lead Agency and administered the re-solicitation for the Science/Labware Supplies and Equipment contract. U.S. Communities reimburses Lead Agency districts for their time on the solicitation and contract management. Currently HCPS receives approximately \$15,000 annually for administration of this contract.

This solicitation includes a comprehensive discounted selection of K-12 science supplies and equipment including labware, science supplies, chemicals, specimens, furniture and related equipment and a broad selection of other science related products including teaching tools and science kits. This will allow public agencies nationwide to utilize our contract (piggyback) as their contracting vehicle. HCPS spends approximately \$123,000.00 annually on science supplies via this contract.

The contract term is for three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional two (2) year terms, for a possible total of seven years.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of a national contract for Science/Labware Supplies and Equipment to Fisher Science Education, of 4500 Turnberry Drive, Hanover Park, IL 60133.