

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
NEW COMBINATION HARFORD ACADEMY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

May 18, 2026

Background Information:

Funding in the amount of \$189,630,652.00, phased over four (4) fiscal years FY24, FY25 (deferred), FY26, FY27, and FY28, will be provided by the County and State for this project. As part of this project, Construction Management (CM) services are required to administer the multiple prime construction packages.

Discussion:

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Management (CM) services was issued by HCPS' Planning & Construction Department, see Attachment 1. In response to this RFQ, six (6) firms submitted responses, see Attachment 2. The responses were evaluated by a selection committee that considered team qualifications, experience, workload and references. Four (4) firms were "shortlisted," interviewed and ranked, see Attachment 3.

As a result of this process, the committee has selected the CM firm of J. Vinton Schafer, a Quandel Enterprises Company, to provide the services required to successfully complete the New Combination Harford Academy and Elementary School project. J. Vinton Schafer has extensive CM delivery experience of K-12 projects. They have completed extensive work in Harford County successfully, including Red Pump Elementary School, Patterson Mill Middle/High School, North Harford High School, and the Homestead Wakefield Elementary School Replacement project. This project is a thirty-four (34) month planning and construction project. This duration formed the basis of the scope and fee proposal negotiations.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the above-described professional Construction Management services to J. Vinton Schafer Construction, LLC. The amount of the award represents a management fee of \$8,726,824.00, and estimated reimbursables of \$1,678,460.00, for a total lump sum of \$10,405,284.00.