

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** December 18, 2001  
**TO:** BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**FROM:** Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** Recommendations for Award of Contracts  
Board Exhibit – January 14, 2002  
**ORIGINATOR:** Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services  
**RESOURCE**  
**PERSON(S):** Patrick Fannon, Controller; Richard Gay, Purchasing Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education approves the recommendations for award of contracts Board Exhibit for the January 14, 2002 board meeting.

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See the attached list of contract recommendations presented for consideration by the Board of Education of Baltimore County.

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Appendix I – Recommendations for Award of Contracts – Board Exhibit

**Recommendations for Award of Contracts  
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The following contract recommendations are presented for consideration by the Board of Education of Baltimore County.

1.     **Contracted Services:**                     **Estimated Increase in Award Value: \$200,000**  
           **Boiler Cleaning**                                 **Boiler and Furnace Cleaners, Inc.**  
           **Bid# 5-538-01**

A bid to provide firm fixed pricing for opening and routine cleaning of steel, cast iron boilers and breechings was approved by the Board on March 13, 2001 to Combustion Cleaning Services, Inc. and Industrial Maintenance and Repair, Inc. for an estimated value of \$750,000 over the five year term of the contract. Effective July 25, 2001, Combustion Cleaning Services, Inc. was purchased by **Boiler and Furnace Cleaners, Inc.** According to paragraph 31.2 of the General Terms and Conditions, Combustion Cleaning Services, Inc. obtained approval from the Office of Purchasing on June 26, 2001 to assign the contract to **Boiler and Furnace Cleaners, Inc.**

Based on a review of the current contract by the Office of Maintenance, it has been determined that the scope of the original contract needed to be expanded to include closing of the fire-side of the boilers after cleaning. A price for this additional work was obtained from **Boiler and Furnace Cleaners, Inc.** The pricing has been reviewed by the Office of Maintenance and has been found to be reasonable. For the remaining term of the five-year contract the estimated increased value of this increase scope would be \$200,000. The funding for these services for the remainder of FY 2002 will be provided by the existing budget of the Office of Maintenance. Funding for future years will be addressed via the annual budgeting process by the Office of Maintenance.

Additional cost for closing Cleaver Brooks Boilers	\$250.00 plus materials
Additional cost for closing all other Boilers	\$100.00 plus materials

2.     **Outward Bound Program: Chase Elementary School**     **Award Value: \$31,000**  
           **Contract # 5-535-99**                                 **Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound, Inc.**

Chase Elementary School has been given approval by the MSDE to commence year four of a multi-year Expeditionary Learning Program developed and approved in conjunction with the Maryland State Department of Education. The program is tailored to meet the individual needs of the school as determined by the school's performance on the MSPAP tests. The Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound Program involves students, teachers and administrators working together to implement the Expeditionary Learning design as the primary framework for whole school change, improving teaching and learning at the

school. The Expeditionary Learning design focuses student work in long term, in-depth investigations of themes or topics through authentic projects, fieldwork and service.

The program was not selected through a bid process, but rather selected as part of an application process for a MSDE Challenge Grant submitted by each school. Funding for this program is provided through an MSDE Challenge Grant. Approval of the grant is based on the acceptance of the Outward Bound Expeditionary Learning Program as the vehicle to school improvement.

This program was previously approved by the Board on December 22, 1998, August 10, 1999 and August 8, 2000. The Office of Educational Accountability, Chase Elementary School and the Office of Purchasing are recommending an extension of contract to **Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound, Inc., Cambridge, MA** in the amount of \$31,000 for the school year 2001 - 2002.