

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** January 25, 2005

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACTS**

**ORIGINATOR:** J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

**PERSON (S):** Rick Gay, Manager, Office of Purchasing  
Michael Sines, Executive Director, Department of Physical Facilities

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education approves the following contract recommendations.

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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  
Board Exhibit – January 25, 2005**

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

- 1. Contract:** Computer Assisted Real Time (CART)  
**Bid #:** 2-203-03

**Extension term:** 1 year **Contract Ending Date:** 1/26/06 (tentative)  
**Estimated annual award value:** \$200,000  
**Estimated total award value:** \$200,000

**Bid issued:** November 14, 2002  
**Pre-bid meeting date:** November 26, 2002  
**Due Date:** December 11, 2002  
**No. of vendors issued to:** 6  
**No. of bids received:** 3  
**No. of no-bids received:** 1

**Description:**

The Board of Education approved the contract for Computer Assisted Real Time (CART) services in January of 2003, and approval is requested to extend the contract for one year. CART services are provided to hearing-impaired students. The service performs text interpreting through a stenographer-type reporter (also referred to as a transliterator or text interpreter, court reporter, or captioner) who transcribes voiced information to typed text format. As the information is being transcribed and re-formatted to text, it is continually being sent to the student's laptop. Hence the student is able to read, from his screen, what the instructor has spoken seconds before. The service may be provided by the transliterator actually being present in the classroom, or by the transliterator being off-site and communicating through a phone connection and modem.

**Recommendation:**

Extension of contract is recommended to:

Court Reporting Concepts, Inc. Lutherville, MD

**Responsible school or office:** Office of Special Education, Related Services

**Contact Person:** Diane Perkins

**Funding Source:** Operating Budget



**3. Contract:** External Program Evaluation Consultant for the Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) Implementation Grant, FY-2005 through FY 2007  
**Contract #:** RGA-147-05

**Term:** 3 years    **Extension:** 0                      **Contract ending date:** 6/30/07 (tentative)  
**Estimated annual award value:**                      \$42,455  
**Estimated total award value:**                      \$127,365

**Bid/proposal issued:** November 2004 (BFO)  
**Pre-bid meeting date:** N/A  
**No. vendors issued to:** 4  
**No. bids/proposals received:** 3  
**No. of no-bids received:** 0

**Description:**

The Baltimore County Public Schools requires a consultant for the external program evaluator of the Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) implementation grant for FY 2005 through FY 2007, as required by the USDE.

The award consultant will conduct an external program evaluation for USDE of the SLC in ten Baltimore County high schools. Intermediate and final reports will be sent to USDE by September of 2005, 2006, and 2007. Criteria will be mutually agreed upon based on the implementation grant and USDE guidelines.

BCPS has chosen ten high schools where raising student achievement is a prime need and focus and whose enrollments exceed 1000 students.

**Recommendation:**

Award of the contract is recommended to:

Precise Research, Writing & Evaluation, Inc.    Bowie, MD

**Responsible school or office:** Office of Smaller Learning Communities (SLC)

**Contact person:** JoAnne Koehler

**Funding source:** USDE SLC Grant

**4. Contract:** National Science Foundation – Memorandum of Understanding  
**Contract #:** RGA-153-05

**Term:** 4 yrs      **Extensions:** NA      **Expiration Date:** 12/31/08 (tentative)  
**Estimated annual award value:** \$893,958  
**Estimated total award value:** \$3,575,832

**Bid/proposal issued:** NA  
**Pre-bid meeting date:** NA  
**No. vendors issued to:** NA  
**No. bids/proposals received:** NA  
**No. of no-bids received:** NA

**Description:**

The BCPS/UMBC/NSF partnership will facilitate the implementation, testing, refinement and dissemination of promising practices for improving STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) student achievement as well as teacher quality/retention in selected high-needs elementary, middle and high schools in Baltimore County Public Schools. Centered on creating and evaluating performance-based preservice teacher education (interns) programs and sustainable professional development programs for teachers and administrators, the project is designed to increase PreK-12 student achievement in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics by increasing intern/teacher and administrator knowledge and confidence related to these areas. On-going formative and summative assessments of student work and the differentiation of instruction based upon the assessments will serve as the driving force to continuously evaluate and refine: instruction, curricula and assessments; professional development programs; administrative leadership strategies; and directions for overall school improvement in STEM areas. Engineering will be emphasized as one of the applied contexts for creating authentic STEM understandings through inquiry and problem/issue-based approaches.

**Recommendation:**

Award of the contract is recommended to:

Baltimore County Public Schools/University of Maryland Baltimore  
County/National Science Foundation Mathematics/Science Partnership Grant

**Responsible school or office:** Office of Science  
**Contact person:** H. B. Lantz  
**Funding source:** National Science Foundation Grant

**5. Contract:** Science Instructional Material -- Replica Skulls  
**Bid #:** PCR-277-05

**Term:** One-time purchase    **Extensions:** N/A                      **Contract Ending Date:** N/A  
**Estimated annual award value:**                      \$39,562  
**Estimated total award value:**                      \$39,562

**Bid issued:**    October 4, 2004  
**Pre-bid meeting date:**    N/A  
**Due Date:**    October 18, 2004  
**No. of vendors issued to:**    6  
**No. of bids received:**    3  
**No. of no-bids received:**    3

**Description:**

The Office of Science requests approval for the purchase of 25 sets of ten replica skulls. This will enable students to compare anatomical features of living things. This particular area has been targeted on Biology High School Assessments.

**Recommendation:**

Award of contract is recommended to:

Skulls Unlimited International    Oklahoma City, OK

**Responsible school or office:**                      Office of Science

**Contact Person:**    George Newberry

**Funding Source:**    Operating Budget

**6. Contract Modification: Dumbarton Middle School Systemic Renovations**  
**Bid #: JMI-646-04**

**Award value:** \$27,093

**Description:**

On June 8, 2004, the Board of Education of Baltimore County approved an award of contract to Phillips Way, Inc., for the Systemic Renovations at Dumbarton Middle School. This project consists of replacing ceilings, exterior doors, domestic water piping, heating system piping, and the fire alarm system; upgrading the heating and ventilation system; and installing a fire sprinkler system and new water service.

The contract modification will cover the cost of excavation and removal of rock. The rock was encountered during the excavation for the new 8” water line that will provide domestic and fire protection service for the school. Exploratory test pits had initially suggested an optimistic estimate of \$14,000 for rock removal. During the course of excavating the 200’ of trench, the extent, depth, and solidity of rock continued to be greater than initially estimated. Once completed, the quantities and character of rock actually encountered and removed became known, and was observed and confirmed by KCI Technologies, Inc. an independent Geotechnical Engineer. KCI, along with Kibart Engineers, the consultant of record for the project, have reviewed the costs submitted by the contractor and deemed them to be fair and reasonable.

Funding for this project is available in the County and State Capital Budget – Project #103 – Dumbarton Middle Systemic Renovations.

**Recommendation:**

Award of contract modification is recommended to:

Phillips Way, Inc. Finksburg, MD

**Responsible school or office:** Department of Physical Facilities

**Contact Person:** Richard H. Cassell, P.E., Administrator  
Paul L. Taylor, Jr., AIA, Senior Project Engineer  
Office of Engineering and Construction

**Funding source:** County and State Capital Budget -  
Project #103 - Dumbarton Middle Systemic  
Renovations

**7. Contract: Fee Acceptance – Roof Replacement Projects at Various Locations**

**Estimated award value:** \$39,931

**Description:**

On February 11, 2003, the Board of Education approved A S Architects, Inc., as our on-call consultant for design services associated with the roof replacement projects. The Department of Physical Facilities has negotiated a fee of \$39,931 for design and construction administration to provide these services for the roof replacement projects at the Grounds Building, Dundalk Bus Facility, Greenwood Administration Building, Professional Development Center, and Kenwood Bus Facility.

Funding for these services is available in the County Capital Budget Project No. 671 – Roof Replacement.

**Recommendation:**

Award of contract is recommended to:

A S Architects, Inc. Linthicum, MD

**Responsible school or office:** Department of Physical Facilities

**Contact person:** MacArthur Chavis, Project Administrator  
Office of Comprehensive Maintenance and  
Construction

**Funding source:** County Capital Budget – Project #671 – Roof  
Replacement



8. **Contract:** Fee Acceptance – Design Services for Roof Replacement Projects at the Cockeyville Transportation/Grounds Complex

**Estimated award value:** \$25,100

**Description:**

On February 11, 2003, the Board of Education approved Gale Associates, Inc. as our on-call consultant for design services associated with the roof replacement projects. The Department of Physical Facilities has negotiated a fee of \$25,100 for the design of the roof replacement projects at the Cockeyville Transportation/Grounds Complex.

Funding for these services is available in the County Capital Budget - Project No. 671 – Roof Replacement.

**Recommendation:**

Award of contract is recommended to:

Gale Associates, Inc. Baltimore, MD

**Responsible school or office:** Department of Physical Facilities

**Contact person:** MacArthur Chavis, Project Administrator Office of Comprehensive Maintenance and Construction

**Funding source:** County Capital Budget – Project #671 – Roof Replacement