

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: March 22, 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.

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 – March 22, 2005**

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

- 1. Contract:** Benchmark Assessment Program and Related Services
Contract #: JNI-701-05

Term: 14 months **Extension:** 0 **Contract Ending Date:** 6/30/06 (tentative)
Estimated annual award value: \$300,000
Estimated total award value: \$600,000

Bid issued: NA
Pre-bid meeting date: NA
Due Date: NA
No. of vendors issued to: NA
No. of bids received: NA
No. of no-bids received: NA

Description:

The Benchmark Assessment Program and Related Services provided by The Princeton Review, Inc. (TPR) will develop one benchmark assessment iteration in partnership with the MSDE in both Math and English Language Arts for Grades 4, 6, and 7 for a May 2005 pilot program. The benchmark assessments will reflect skills and standards as specified by MSDE. During 2005-2006, the program will develop four benchmark assessment iterations in both Math and English Language Arts for grades 3-8 for a full year program with assessments administered in October, November, January and May.

The Princeton Review, Inc., will deliver the assessment in printed form, will provide scanning and scoring services for all assessments, will provide professional development sessions to train and support the users, and will provide dedicated account support for MSDE and the district for the Full-Year 2005-2006 program. The testing will occur on TPRs online assessment and reporting platform or on a printed format whichever is appropriate at the time of the testing.

Baltimore County Public schools has been notified that the Maryland State Department of Education will be providing a grant in the amount of \$300,000 for a formative assessment in the grades 4, 6, and 7 pilot programs in conjunction with The Princeton Review. Partial financial support of the program for the Full-Year 2005-2006 will be provided by Baltimore County Public Schools.

Recommendation:

Award to The Princeton Review, the assessment program for developing benchmark assessments in Math and English Language Arts.

Responsible school or office: Accountability, Research and Testing

Contact Person: Dr. Beverly Pish

Funding Source: Maryland State Department of Education Grant and General Fund of the Office of Accountability, Research and Testing

2. Contract: Multi-media Web-based Instructional Materials
Bid #: JNI-760-05

Term: 1 year **Extension:** 2 years **Contract Ending Date:** 12/30/07 (tentative)
Estimated annual award value: \$18,000
Estimated total award value: \$54,000

Description:

The Office of Library Information Services is requesting funds to purchase the site license for BrainPOP, a multi-media web-based educational resource for students, teachers, and parents. This series produces multi-media materials for science, English, social studies, math, technology, and health. Teachers and library media specialists have documented the value of these resources for supplementing their instruction, and have been purchasing the services on an individual school basis. By combining the services into one system-wide site license, the cost is greatly reduced, thus making this valuable educational resource equitably accessible. BrainPOP makes learning fun in a safe environment, provides accurate information based on national content standards, and has partnerships with McGraw-Hill, National Geographic, and AOL@School. It is constantly developing new content based on the needs of its users and the National Science Education Standards, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the National Council of Teachers of English.

Based upon the recommendation of the school and office personnel, the Office of Library Information is requesting the approval to purchase a site license subscription for grades 4 through 8 for 41,267 students. The access would be continued, and possibly expanded, based upon the continued recommendations from the schools and the success of students using the multi-media web-based materials. System-wide access to these services has been available since last fall.

Recommendation:

Award of contract is recommended to:

BrainPOP LLC Mount Kisco, NY

Responsible School or Office: Office of Library Information Services

Contact Person: Art Stritch

Funding Source: Operating Budget

3. Contract: Stage Curtains--Provide, Clean, Repair, and Install Stage Curtains & Systems, Track, Scrim & Parts and Materials-Hardware
Contract #: MBU-525-05

Term: 5 years **Extension:** 0 **Contract Ending Date:** 6/30/10 (tentative)
Estimated annual award value: \$25,000
Estimated total award value: \$125,000

Bid issued: January 6, 2005
Pre-bid: January 20, 2005
Bid due date: February 17, 2005
No. of vendors issued to: 7
No. of bids received: 3
No. of no-bids received: 1
No. of non-responsive: 0

Description:

This is a multi-year contract for repairs, installation of new curtains and/or entire systems, as well as cleaning any existing stage curtains in all BCPS schools. The contract is primarily for new construction and renovations involving auditorium and stage areas. Work will be performed at the direction of the Offices of Maintenance/Construction and Engineering/Construction. The provision of parts and materials will be requested on an as-needed basis.

Bidders were directed to submit cost based on the model presented in the solicitation and unit cost for those items generally requested. The unit costs for various items were averaged to determine the lowest bid.

Recommendation:

Award of the contract is recommended to:

Fisher Theatrical, LLC Catonsville, MD

Responsible school or office: Offices of Engineering/Construction and Maintenance/Construction

Contact person: Larry Goins

Funding source: Operating and Capital Budgets

4. Contract: Title I – Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Commissioners of Baltimore City and the Board of Education of Baltimore County

Contract #: JN1-797-05

Term: 1 yr. (2004-2005) **Extensions:** Annual Renewal

Expiration Date: 06/30/08 (tentative)

Estimated annual award value: \$37,304

Estimated total award value: \$149,216

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:

Title I requires school districts to provide services to eligible students from Title I public school attendance areas who attend nonpublic schools. Title I services must be provided to eligible students from Baltimore City who attend nonpublic schools in Baltimore County and vice versa.

In order to implement the law's requirement, a Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted that provides reciprocal reimbursement of required expenses. Under the conditions of the MOU, Baltimore City Public Schools will reimburse Baltimore County Public Schools for providing required Title I services to the eligible students from Baltimore City who attend non-public schools in Baltimore County; Baltimore County Public Schools will likewise reimburse Baltimore City Public Schools for providing the required Title I services to the eligible students from Baltimore County who attend non-public schools in Baltimore City.

At its February 22nd meeting the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City approved the MOU, including payment of \$52,965 to Baltimore County Public Schools for services provided in this fiscal year. As part of this reciprocal agreement, Baltimore County will owe \$37,304 to Baltimore City for providing services to Title I eligible county residents attending nonpublic schools in Baltimore City. FY 2005 Title I grant funds are available for this purpose.

Recommendation:

Award of the contract is recommended to:

Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City and the Board of Education of Baltimore County

Responsible school or office: Office of Title I and Grant Assistance

Contact person: Linda Cassell

Funding source: Title I Grant

5. Contract: Water Treatment for Critical Equipment
Bid #: 5-537-02

Extension Term: 2 years
Contract Ending Date: 3/31/07 (tentative)
Estimated annual extension award value: \$55,000
Estimated total extension award value: \$110,000

Bid issued: December 20, 2001
Pre-bid meeting date: January 11, 2002
Due Date: January 25, 2002
No. of vendors issued to: 4
No. of bids received: 3
No. of no-bids received: 1

Description:

The Board of Education approved the initial award of contract for the chemical treatment of water in boilers, chillers, and cooling towers on February 22, 2002. The initial contract allowed for a three-year base period and a two-year extension. Services include the monthly testing of the water and inspection of chemical pumps, as well as the addition of chemicals as necessary. The successful contractor is responsible for maintaining chemical balances in the water in these systems to ensure proper functioning of the water system and prevent the growth of disease-causing bacteria.

Recommendation:

Recommend a two-year extension to:

Ecolab, Inc. Lanham, MD

Responsible school or office: Office of Maintenance

Contact Person: Dennis Elkins

Funding Source: Operating Budget

6. Contract: Window and Blind Replacement at Halstead Academy
Bid #: JMI-628-05

Estimated award value: \$672,009

Description:

On March 3, 2005, three (3) bids were received for the Window and Blind Replacement project at Halstead Academy. This project consists of the removal and disposal of existing windows and blinds, and the purchase and installation of new windows and blinds.

At this time, approval of a 10% contract modification allocation in the amount of \$67,201 is requested to cover unforeseen conditions and minor changes to the contract, to be authorized and approved by the Building Committee in accordance with Board policy.

Recommendation:

Award of contract is recommended to:

Constantine Commercial Construction, Inc. Timonium, MD

Responsible school or office: Department of Physical Facilities

Contact person: Richard H. Cassell, P.E., Administrator
 Ann M. Kramer, Project Manager
 Office of Engineering and Construction

Funding source: County and State Capital Budget - Project # 665 - Halstead Academy

Baltimore County Public Schools
Window and Blind Replacement at Halstead Academy
Bid No. #JMI-628-05
Bid Due Date: March 3, 2005

	Bidders' Names		
	Constantine Commercial Construction, Inc.	E. Pikounis Construction	RWC Contracting Corporation
Base Bid	\$672,009	\$759,311	\$762,800

7. Contract: Interior Lighting Upgrade at Loch Raven Academy
Bid #: JNI-779-05

Estimated award value: \$61,780

Description:

On March 3, 2005, eight (8) bids were received to provide the Interior Lighting Upgrade at Loch Raven Academy. The project consists of replacing existing incandescent lighting with new energy-efficient fixtures and components.

At this time, approval of a 10% contract modification allocation in the amount of \$6,178 is requested to cover unforeseen conditions and minor changes to the contract, to be authorized and approved by the Building Committee in accordance with Board Policy.

Recommendation:

Award of contract is recommended to:

P. D. Valle Electric Co., Inc. Baldwin, MD

Responsible school or office: Department of Physical Facilities

Contact person: Richard H. Cassell, P.E., Administrator
 Vladimir Mukasey, P.E., Project Manager
 Office of Engineering and Construction

Funding source: FY 2005 State Aging School Program

Baltimore County Public Schools
Interior Lighting Upgrade at Loch Raven Technical Academy
Bid No.: JNI-779-05
Bid Due Date: March 3, 2005

Bidders' Names								
	P. D. Valle	Casper Sipple, Inc.	Deerfield Inc.	Denver-Elek, Inc.	Fitzgerald Elec, Inc.	Action Electrical Con.	Urban Francis, LLC	VHT Construction
Base Bid	\$61,780	\$67,944	\$102,100	\$94,800	\$121,600	\$85,700	\$151,000	\$124,690

8. Contract: Fire Alarm System Upgrade at McCormick Elementary School
Bid: JNI-765-05

Estimated award value: \$58,166

Description:

On March 3, 2005, eight (8) bids were received to provide a fire alarm system upgrade at McCormick Elementary School. The project consists of replacing the existing fire alarm system with a new addressable fire alarm system at this school.

At this time, approval of a 10% contract modification allocation in the amount of \$5,817 is requested to cover unforeseen conditions and minor changes to the contract, to be authorized and approved by the Building Committee in accordance with Board Policy.

Recommendation:

Award of contract is recommended to:

Casper G. Sippel, Inc. Baltimore, MD

Responsible school or office: Department of Physical Facilities

Contact person: Richard H. Cassell, P.E., Administrator
 Vladimir Mukasey, P.E., Project Manager
 Office of Engineering and Construction

Funding source: FY2004 State QZAB School Program

**Baltimore County Public Schools
 Fire Alarm System Upgrade at McCormick Elementary School
 Bid No.: JNI-765-05
 Bid Due Date: March 3, 2005**

	Bidders' Names							
	Casper Sippel, Inc.	Action Electrical Contractors, Inc.	Denver-Elek Inc.	Elco Electric, Inc	Fitzgerald Electric Co., Inc	P.D. Valle Electric Co., Inc.	SPC, Inc.	Urban Francis LLC
Base Bid	\$58,166	\$68,500	\$102,700	\$69,800	\$72,810	\$62,740	\$59,722	\$80,900

9. Contract: Window and Blind Replacement at Pot Spring Elementary School
Bid #: JMI-630-05

Estimated award value: \$801,945

Description:

On March 2, 2005, two (2) bids were received for the window replacement at Pot Spring Elementary School. This project consists of the removal and disposal of the existing windows and blinds, and the purchase and installation of new windows and blinds. Based on the bids received, the Department of Physical Facilities recommends an award of contract to the lowest responsive bidder for the Base Bid and Add Alternates #1, #2, #3 and #5. These Alternates include the profile to be sloped away from the glazing to allow for the shedding water on the top surface; replace all exterior doors; re-glazing of all steel frames; and remove and replace the high window operator system.

At this time, approval of a 10% contract modification allocation in the amount of \$80,194 is requested to cover any unforeseen conditions and minor changes to the contract, to be authorized and approved by the Building Committee in accordance with Board Policy.

Recommendation:

Award of contract is recommended to:

RWC Contracting Corporation Baltimore, MD

Responsible school or office: Department of Physical Facilities

Contact person: Richard H. Cassell, P.E., Administrator
Ann M. Kramer, Project Manager
Office of Engineering and Construction

Funding source: County and State Capital Budget Project #665 –
Major Maintenance

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 WINDOW AND BLIND REPLACEMENT at POT SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 BID NUMBER: JMI-630-05
 BID DUE DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2005**

	Bidders' Names	
	RWC Contracting Corp.	E. Pikounis Construction Co., Inc.
Base Bid	\$658,000	\$669,311
<i>Alternate #1: The window horizontal mullion profile for the base bid is to be flat. The alternate profile is to be sloped away from the glazing to allow for the shedding water, on the top surface.</i>	\$18,835	\$45,000
<i>Alternate #2: Replace all exterior doors. This work includes the removal and replacement of the existing doors and hardware as scheduled.</i>	\$91,800	\$99,000
<i>Alternate #3: The re-glazing of all steel frames. The alternate includes the stripping of old paint, re-priming and repainting of the steel frames.</i>	\$32,300	\$49,900
<i>Alternate #5: Remove and replace the high window operator system. The new operating system is to surface mount the cable by having it travel through a plastic lined steel conduit, which is to be surface mounted.</i>	\$1,010	\$27,000
Total Base Bid Plus Alternates	\$801,945	\$927,211

10. Contract: Window and Blind Replacement at Powhatan Elementary School
Bid #: JMI-629-05

Estimated award value: \$259,311

Description:

On March 2, 2005, two (2) bids were received for the window replacement at Powhatan Elementary School. This project consists of the removal and disposal of existing windows and blinds, and the purchase and installation of new windows and blinds.

At this time, approval of a 10% contract modification allocation in the amount of \$25,931 is requested to cover any unforeseen conditions and minor changes to the contract, to be authorized and approved by the Building Committee in accordance with Board Policy.

Recommendation:

Award of contract is recommended to:

E. Pikounis Construction Co., Inc. Baltimore, MD

Responsible school or office: Department of Physical Facilities

Contact person: Richard H. Cassell, P.E., Administrator
 Ann M. Kramer, Project Manager
 Office of Engineering and Construction

Funding source: County and State Capital Budget Project #665 – Major Maintenance.

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 WINDOW & BLIND REPLACEMENT at POWHATAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 BID NUMBER: JMI-629-05
 BID DUE DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2005**

	Bidders' Names	
	E. Pikounis Construction	RWC
Base Bid	\$259,311	\$294,300

11. Contract: Various Construction Packages at Windsor Mill Middle School
Bid#: PCR-282-05

Estimated award value: \$1,875,571

Description:

On March 2, 2005, bids were received for the various construction packages associated with the construction of Windsor Mill Middle School. The Department of Physical Facilities recommends approval of contract award to the lowest responsive bidders, for the construction packages listed below.

<u>Package #</u>	<u>Bid Package</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9A	Drywall/Metal Studs/ACT	Manganaro Mid-Atlantic LLC	\$569,000
9B	Resilient Flooring	CB Flooring	\$180,888
9C	Tile	Inter-State Tile & Mantel Co.	\$277,800
9D	Painting	R H Fewster Painting Co.	\$240,000
9E	Wood Flooring	Weyers Flooring Service LLC	\$90,837
10A	Toilet Partitions & Accessories	Partition Plus	\$52,725
12A	Laboratory Casework	Steel Products	\$464,321

At this time, approval of a 10% contract modification allocation in the amount of \$187,557 is requested to cover unforeseen conditions and minor changes to the contract, to be authorized and approved by the Building Committee in accordance with Board Policy.

Recommendation:

Award of contract is recommended to:

Manganaro Mid-Atlantic LLC	Beltsville, MD
CB Flooring	Columbia, MD
Inter-State Tile & Mantel Co.	Harrisburg, PA
R H Fewster Painting Co.	Towson, MD
Weyers Flooring Service LLC	Odenton, MD
Partition Plus	Fallston, MD
Steel Products	Rockville, MD

Responsible school or office: Department of Physical Facilities

Contact person: Richard H. Cassell, P.E., Administrator
J. Kurt Buckler, P.E., Head of Engineering
Office of Engineering and Construction

Funding source: County Capital Budget – Project #091 - Windsor Mill Middle School

**Baltimore County Public Schools
Windsor Mill Middle School
Package 9A – Drywall / Metal Studs / ACT
Bid No. PCR-282-05
Bid Due Date: March 2, 2005**

	Bidders' Names			
	Manganaro Mid-Atlantic LLC	Centerline Construction Co.	Walls & Ceilings, Inc.	Finishes, Inc.
Base Bid	\$569,000	\$667,400	\$625,500	\$687,800

**Baltimore County Public Schools
Windsor Mill Middle School
Package 9B – Resilient Flooring
Bid No. PCR-282-05
Bid Due Date: March 2, 2005**

	Bidders' Names		
	CB Flooring	Corridor Flooring	Apartment & Business Flooring
Base Bid	\$180,888	\$219,500	\$181,375

**Baltimore County Public Schools
Windsor Mill Middle School
Package 9C – Tile
Bid No. PCR-282-05
Bid Due Date: March 2, 2005**

	Bidders' Names	
	Inter-State Tile & Mantel Co.	Winfield Tile
Base Bid	\$277,800	\$279,533

**Baltimore County Public Schools
Windsor Mill Middle School
Package 9D – Painting
Bid No. PCR-282-05
Bid Due Date: March 2, 2005**

	Bidders' Names
	R H Fewster Painting Co.
Base Bid	\$240,000

**Baltimore County Public Schools
Windsor Mill Middle School
Package 9E – Wood Flooring
Bid No. PCR-282-05
Bid Due Date: March 2, 2005**

	Bidders' Names		
	Weyers Floor Service LLC	Miller Flooring Company	MasterCare Flooring
Base Bid	\$90,837	\$95,650	\$91,500

**Baltimore County Public Schools
Windsor Mill Middle School
Package 10A – Toilet Partitions & Accessories
Bid No. PCR-282-05
Bid Due Date: March 2, 2005**

	Bidders' Names	
	Partition Plus	Steel Products
Base Bid	\$52,725	\$62,345

**Baltimore County Public Schools
Windsor Mill Middle School
Package 12A – Laboratory Casework
Bid No. PCR-282-05
Bid Due Date: March 2, 2005**

	Bidders' Names		
	Steel Products	Southside Manufacturing Corporation	Thoma, Inc.
Base Bid	\$464,321	\$474,008	\$516,592

12. Contract Modification: Systemic Renovations at Stemmers Run Middle School

Estimated award value: \$33,694

Description:

On June 8, 2004, an award of contract was made to E. Pikounis Construction Co., Inc., for the systemic renovation of Stemmers Run Middle School - Bid #MBU-504-04. This project consists of replacing the heating, ventilating, and plumbing systems; ceilings; electrical upgrades; and related work along with the installation of a sprinkler system, new hallway lockers and new auditorium seating. The contract was approved at a value of \$3,060,000, with an additional 10% (\$306,000) for unforeseen conditions. In order to better suit the population of the school, **a change order to upgrade the lockers with recessed hardware and integral combination locks** been requested by the school. The renovation contractor, E. Pikounis Construction Co., Inc., has agreed to provide these locker renovations for the price of \$33,694. This change order cost has been reviewed by both the architect and BCPS Department of Physical Facilities and found to be reasonable.

The funding for this change order will come from the existing contingency amount of \$306,000. With this change order, 8.9% of the contingency amount remains.

Recommendation:

Award of contract modification is recommended to:

E. Pikounis Construction Co., Inc. Baltimore, MD

Responsible school or office: Department of Physical Facilities

Contact person: Richard H. Cassell, P.E., Administrator
Philip Maddox, Project Manager
Office of Engineering and Construction

Funding source: County and State Capital Budget Project #098 –
Stemmers Run Middle School Systemic
Renovations