DATE: November 8, 2005

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

RE: 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 – November 8, 2005

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

1. **Contract**: Gale Science Virtual Reference e-Book Collection
   **Contract #**: RGA-174-06

   **Term**: NA  **Extension**: NA  **Contract Ending Date**: 6/30/10 (tentative)

   **Estimated annual award value**: $95,704
   **Annual Maintenance Fee**: $2,500 (first 5 years)
   **Estimated total award value**: $108,204

   **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 Office of Library Information Services, in accordance with Board Policy and Superintendent’s Rule 6163.2 (*Selection of Instructional Materials*), has determined that the *Gale Science Virtual Reference e-Book Collection* for 51 middle and high school library media collections will support the teaching and learning of science and math. This reference collection will allow for 24/7 access to authoritative and appealing digital content (text, multimedia, tutorials) for teachers, students, and their families. The collection consists of 34 science/math reference book sets; the digital version allows access to multiple simultaneous users via any Internet connection from home or school. If purchased, the print collection would cost $623,220. The 34-book collection includes encyclopedias, almanacs, and other reference resources so that users can cross search the entire virtual collection in a few keystrokes, and a user-friendly interface, up-front print or email options, built-in dictionary, and leaning tools such as a helpful *how to cite feature*. A sample listing of titles includes: *Gale Encyclopedia of Science* (6 vols); *Grzimek’s Animal Sciences* (20 vols); *Encyclopedias of Energy, Biology, Computer Science, Genetics, Mathematics, Plant Sciences, and Space Sciences* (31 vols); UXL series *Chemical Compounds, Complete Life Science, Biomes, Landforms and Geologic Features, Science, Water Science* (31 vols); *World of Forensic Science* (2 vols); *World of Microbiology and Immunology* (2 vols); and *Real Life Math* (2 vols).
**Recommendation:**

Award of contract to:

Gale Publishers  
Farmington Hills, Michigan

**Responsible school or office:**  
Library Information Services

**Contact person:**  
Della Curtis

**Funding source:**  
Operating budget
2. **Contract:** Window Air Conditioners
   **Contract #:** MBU-573-06
   (State of Maryland, Department of General Services – Solicitation # 001IT814976)

   **Term:** 6 months  **Extension:** NA  **Contract Ending Date:** 05/12/06 (tentative)
   **Estimated annual award value:** $20,000
   **Estimated total award value:** $20,000

   **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:**
   This contract consists of participation in the State of Maryland’s contracts for window air conditioners on an as-need basis.

   **Recommendation:**

   Award of contracts to:
   
   Friedrich Air Conditioning Company San Antonio, TX
   Shepard Electric Supply Baltimore, MD

   **Responsible school or office:** Office of Maintenance
   **Contact person:** Andrew Gall
   **Funding source:** Operating budget
3. **Fee Acceptance:**

Design and Construction Administration Services – Food and Nutrition Services Warehouse Expansion and Renovation

**Contract #:** MBU-588-06

**Term:** N/A  
**Extension:** N/A  
**Contract Ending Date:** N/A

**Estimated annual award value:** NA  
**Estimated modification amount:** NA  
**Estimated total award value:** $314,744

**Bid issued:** N/A  
**Pre-bid meeting date:** N/A  
**Due date:** N/A  
**No. of vendors issued to:** N/A  
**No. of bids received:** N/A  
**No. of no-bids received:** N/A

**Description:**

In June 2000, the Department of Physical Facilities entered into a contract with George Vaeth Associates, Inc. (GVA) to conduct a feasibility study for the expansion and renovation of the Food and Nutrition Services Warehouse in Cockeysville. The contract will be expanded to include full design services for the expansion and renovation when funds are made available.

Funding was appropriated in FY06, and the Department of Physical Facilities has negotiated a not-to-exceed fee for design services through construction administration services with GVA.

**Recommendation:**

Award of fee acceptance is recommended to:

George Vaeth Associates, Inc.  
Columbia, MD

**Responsible school or office:**  
Office of Engineering and Construction

**Contact person:**  
Richard H. Cassell, P.E.

**Funding source:**  
Capital budget
4. **Contract:** Utility Easement – Timber Grove Elementary School  
   **Contract #:** PCR-220-06

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**Description:**

The developer, representing an adjacent property owner on the northwest side of Timber Grove Elementary School, has requested an 844 square foot county utility easement for construction of a storm drain. This would connect the proposed adjacent property storm drain to the storm drain on BCPS property. The Department of Physical Facilities has reviewed the proposed easement alignment and found that the request is reasonable and will not adversely affect the operation of the BCPS drain system.

The Department of Physical Facilities requests Board approval to enter into a Right-of-Way Agreement for the easement described by the record plat at Timber Grove Elementary School to be dedicated to the Baltimore County Department of Public Works.

**Recommendation:**

Award of contract is recommended to:

N/A

**Responsible school or office:** Office of Engineering and Construction

**Contact person:** Richard H. Cassell, P.E.

**Funding source:** NA
DESCRIPTION OF A PROPOSED 20' WIDE STORM DRAIN EASEMENT ACROSS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY PROPERTY

BEING a strip or parcel of land twenty (20) feet wide running across a portion of the property conveyed from Jerome J. Gebhart and Jeanette S. Gebhart to the Board of Education of Baltimore County by deed dated September 13, 1957 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber 3230 at Folio 265.

BEGINNING for the same at a point on the seventh or North 46° 50' 40" East, 576.56 feet along the aforesaid deed, said point being 226.22 feet distant from the beginning thereof, thence running with and binding on a part of said seventh line the following course and distance as now surveyed:

1. North 46° 37' 39" East, 22.00 feet to a point, thence leaving said Seventh Line to cross the Board of Education property with the following three lines, viz:

2. South 18° 45' 47" East, 46.79 feet to a point, thence

3. South 71° 14' 13" West, 20.00 feet to a point, thence

4. North 18° 45' 47" West, 37.63 feet to the Place of Beginning.

CONTAINING 844 square feet or 0.02 acres of land more or less.