

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: February 28, 2006

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.

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 – February 28, 2006

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

- 1. Contract:** Summer Science Institute for Elementary Teachers
Contract #: JNI-741-06

Term: 6 month **Extension:** 0 **Contract Ending Date:** 7/28/06 (tentative)
Estimated annual award value: \$35,000

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 Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) and BCPS are co-sponsoring the Elementary Summer Science Institute (ESSI) on all three campuses of CCBC, the BCPS Timonium computer lab, and New Town High School (computer lab and chemistry lab). This program will be conducted July 17-28, 2006. The purpose of the institute is to strengthen the elementary teachers' science and technology content knowledge base, and teach confidence in the following science areas: Life Science; Chemistry; Physics; Earth/Space Science; Environmental Science; Active K-5 Science Teaching; Learning Through Information, Technology, and Visual Literacy; and Using Technology to Teach Science in the Elementary Classroom.

Up to 175 teachers will be enrolled in the seven courses, with each teacher who successfully completes the course receiving four MSDE credits.

Recommendation:

Recommendation of award of contract to:

Community College of Baltimore County Baltimore, MD

Responsible school or office: Office of Science, PreK-12

Contact person: C. David Copenhaver

Funding source: Title II Grant Funds

2. Contract: Tutoring Program Woodlawn Middle School
Contract #: JN1-737-06

Term: 1 year **Extension:** 0 **Contract Ending Date:** 9/30/06 (tentative)
Estimated annual award value: \$84,000
Estimated total award value \$84,000

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:

Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) will contract with Catapult Online in an effort to provide needed educational services to eligible students not already being served by the after-school program. This contract will enable BCPS to meet the unique needs of Woodlawn Middle School students who are at risk of not meeting state standards. Catapult Online is an online tutorial service designed specifically for students above the elementary level. The program offers live, individualized, and direct-tutoring instruction online. It is a research-based program that assesses students' present abilities and then designs an instructional program to address their individual skill gaps. Students learn and practice new skills until they demonstrate that they fully understand the concepts and can apply the skills to solve problems. One-on-one instruction and individual learning plans ensure that students build the exact skills they need to achieve. The service is delivered on a personal computer, provided free of charge, that students earn the right to keep by completing the program. Parents have the ability to set their child's tutoring schedule, and sessions are available seven days a week.

Recommendation:

Recommendation of award to:

Catapult Online

Baltimore, MD

Responsible school or office:

Office of School Improvement

Contact person:

Danielle S. Crossley

Funding source:

State School Improvement Grant

3. Contract: Window Air Conditioners
Contract #: MBU-589-06

Term: 3 year **Extension:** 2 year **Contract Ending Date:** 12/31/10 (tentative)
Estimated annual award value: \$ 50,000
Estimated total award value: \$250,000

Bid issued: December 22, 2005
Pre-bid meeting date: NA
Due date: January 13, 2006
No. of vendors issued to: 8
No. of no-bids received: 1
No. of bids received: 3

W.W. Grainger, Inc.	Timonium, MD
Shepherd Electric Supply	Baltimore, MD
United Products Distributors, Inc.	Baltimore, MD

Description:

This contract consists of providing *slide-out* chassis window air conditioners of various butane thermal units (BTUs) as replacements and new installations on an as-needed basis.

Recommendation:

Award of contract is recommended to:

W.W. Grainger, Inc.	Timonium, MD
Shepherd Electric Supply	Baltimore, MD

Responsible school or office: Office of Maintenance/Construction - Electrical

Contact person: Andrew Gall

Funding source: Operating budget