

Financial Services
Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: AWARD INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-24-045-YG – WATER-BASED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS, INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE CONTRACT

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

Procurement Management Services, at the request of the Office of District Operations, Division of Safety & Emergency Management, Central Inspections, released the above-referenced solicitation on August 28, 2025, with the bid opening subsequently held on October 21, 2025. This solicitation is divided into two parts. The purpose of the first part of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to establish a contract for the comprehensive inspection, testing, servicing, repair, correction, and maintenance of water-based fire protection systems at various Miami-Dade County Public Schools' facilities. Additionally, the second part of this ITB aims to create a list of pre-approved vendors to provide quotes on a time and materials basis, at established hourly labor rates and parts mark-up percentage, for water-based fire protection system repairs and replacements as needed. This ITB was advertised on the Procurement Management Services website and Euna OpenBids (formerly DemandStar). This contract impacts 276 District facilities, which breaks down to an annual amount of approximately \$9,057.97 per District facility based on the estimated annual contract amount of \$2,500,000. The solicitation was shared with the District's Office of Education and Economic Access (OEEA) for additional community outreach.

The initial term of the bid shall be for a period of three (3) years, commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

Six (6) vendors responded to this advertised bid, two (2) of which submitted a no bid statement and three (3) that were deemed non-responsive. Based on the criteria listed in the solicitation, the contract will be awarded to one (1) vendor meeting the minimum requirements.

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the District spent \$1,084,615 on water-based fire protection systems, inspections, maintenance, and service.

This item and all related solicitation components fully comply with applicable federal, state and local laws.

Fund Source
Various

E-143

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. **AWARD** INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-24-045-YG – WATER-BASED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS, INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE CONTRACT , to establish: (1) a contract for the comprehensive inspection, testing, servicing, repair, correction, and maintenance of water-based fire protection systems at various Miami-Dade County Public Schools' facilities, and (2) a list of pre-approved vendors to provide quotes on a time and materials basis, at established hourly labor rates and parts mark-up percentage, for water-based fire protection system repairs and replacements as needed, during the term of the bid, with an effective date of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidder, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows:

PART I: BASE MONTHLY SERVICE AGREEMENT

BASS-UNITED FIRE & SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.
3000 GATEWAY DRIVE
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33069
OFFICER: BRAD APRES HIGDON

Total Low Meeting Specifications:

Group A – Sprinklers & fire pump stations: Items 1 through 81
Group B – Sprinklers with no fire pump: Items 82 through 247
Group C – Sprinklers and deluge systems with control panels: Items 248 through 262
Group D – Standpipe systems: Items 263 through 276

PART II: PRE-APPROVED VENDORS FOR TIME & MATERIALS – ADDITIONAL SERVICES

BASS-UNITED FIRE & SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.
3000 GATEWAY DRIVE
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33069
OFFICER: BRAD APRES HIGDON

2. **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$7,500,00 for the initial contract term and an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for each subsequent one (1) year extension period. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.