

Renewal of Partnership Agreement
between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and Broward County Board of Commissioners
(Water Resources Division)

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Type of Contract:	Partnership Agreement
Architect:	NA
Contractor:	Broward County Board of Commissioners (Water Resources Division)
Notice to Proceed Date:	N/A
Bid Amount (Original Contract Amount):	\$205,300

GENERAL OVERVIEW:

On October 16, 2012 The School Board of Broward County, Florida (the "School Board") and the Broward County Board of Commissioners entered into a Partnership Agreement (Water Resources Division) for a water conservation education and outreach program (the "Agreement").

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement which commenced December 27, 2012, the School Board may elect to renew the Agreement for up to four (4) additional, one (1) year terms upon the conclusion of the initial twelve (12) month term. This is the second of the four potential one-year renewals. The term of this twelve month renewal shall commence on December 11, 2014.

Broward County's water conservation education and outreach program, Water Matters, is part of a Broward County Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP). The goals of the IWRP are to coordinate the sources and users of water in Broward County for effective and efficient local water management, minimize dependence on the regional water system, and meet future consumptive use and the natural system's water needs.

The proposed scope of work outlined in the agreement builds upon these achievements and seeks to expand the outreach efforts within the facilities owned and operated by The School Board of Broward County, Florida. The scope of work for consulting services is submitted to provide the delivery of environmental programs and facility improvements with the Broward County school system.

The terms of this partnership agreement supports NatureScape Best Management Practices within The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), and authorizes Broward County to conduct specific activities, as required by this agreement, to be performed by the Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department.

For the past seven years, The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), working in partnership with Broward County's NatureScape Broward program within its Natural Resources Planning and Management Division (NRPM), has made substantial progress in implementing measures that promote greater environmental sustainability, including the protection and conservation of water resources, landscape and habitat improvements to SBBC facilities. NatureScape Broward has actively engaged the student population, teachers, and staff by instilling the values associated with environmental stewardship and sustainability through classroom lessons and outdoor learning opportunities, and through training and implementation of the best management practices.

Approval of this agreement will result in "greener" school campuses, a strengthening of the environmental community, and significant cost savings to the District, while educating students and providing training for teachers and staff.

Funding for this item totaling \$205,300 (\$51,325 per quarter) is included in the District's adopted budget. Fifty percent (50%) is funded in the Capital Budget's Maintenance "Environmental Strategic Program" - \$102,650, and the other fifty percent (50%) is in the General Fund Budget's Maintenance "Environmental Conservation/Utility Management" Program - \$102,650.