

Recommendation for Additional Spending Authority
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On February 18, 2015, Board Agenda Item EE-7 was brought to the Board with a request for additional spending authority of \$600,000. The Board questioned the \$600,000 request to determine the basis for additional spending. Ultimately, the Board authorized an additional spending authority of \$50,000. Current spending authority has not been exceeded, but additional authority is needed to cover fiscal year 2015-16 expenditures. To date, \$960,000 has been expended of the original \$1,000,000. In response, staff has prepared a detailed analysis of miscellaneous environmental services required during fiscal year 2015-16 to substantiate the additional increase of \$575,577.

Attached is a breakdown of estimated environmental work projected through November 30, 2016. Federally mandated three (3) year environmental inspections are separated by elementary, middle, and high schools. Inspections will also be conducted at centers and administrative sites. The total estimated cost for these inspections will amount to \$212,500. Work scheduled with Physical Plant Operations through November 30, 2016, totals \$43,200. This work entails lead-based paint surveys and asbestos abatement. Bond related projects are estimated at \$75,300 which will involve pre-renovation surveys. The pre-renovation surveys pertain to work involving roofing, HVAC, fire sprinklers, renovations, and building replacements.

Environmental consulting services are essential to safeguarding District buildings while maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment. The scope of services under this RFP include asbestos consulting, lead-based paint testing, mold consulting, and additional industrial hygiene services. Each consultant will perform Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) required inspections, re-inspections, pre-renovation inspections, pre-demolition inspections, along with developing asbestos abatement specifications and cost estimates. Services provided under this RFP include testing of paint for lead content, lead abatement specifications, cost estimates for lead abatement, surveys, and monitoring services. Additional services involve developing mold abatement specifications, cost estimates, air-monitoring, on-site monitoring, and final project closeout. General industrial hygiene services will also be provided on an as needed basis. These services will focus on indoor air pollution assessments, radon testing, and other miscellaneous industrial and/or environmental services.

Air Quest Environmental, Inc., Eco Advisors, LLC, and EE&G Environmental, Inc., are strategic partners selected to perform services under this RFP and will play a critical role in the Risk Management Department's health and safety programs. Each of these vendors hold a State of Florida asbestos business license. All three (3) vendors have a full-time Florida licensed asbestos consultant, a certified industrial hygienist, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) AHERA certified management planner, a minimum of three (3) AHERA certified building inspectors, a Florida licensed mold assessor, and an American Council for Accredited Certification Council-certified Indoor Environmentalist or Council-certified Indoor Environmental Consultant. These vendors may utilize sub-consultants for EPA certified lead inspections, perform an EPA certified lead risk assessment, and/or Florida certified radon measurements.

Additional funding is required to cover work through fiscal year 2015-16. Bond related work is included in this estimate. Currently, staff is in the process of preparing a new Miscellaneous Environmental Consulting Services RFP prior to expiration of the current contract.