



Monitoring and Oversight of General Obligation Bonds to Improve Broward County Schools:

*SMART Program Quarterly Report Review for the
Quarter Ending September 30, 2015*

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The District is expanding on delivery methods to include Design/Build, Design/Bid/Build, and term contracts, ostensibly to broaden and diversify the bidder pool with the intent on attracting a wide range of potential proposers to execute the projects.

Florida TaxWatch views this expansion as necessary to ensure participation in the SMART Program by women- and minority-owned businesses and historically-underutilized businesses.

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The Office of Facilities and Construction, Heery, and Atkins North America will relocate with the District's Building Department to the Rock Island Administration Center at the beginning of 2016.

Florida TaxWatch views this co-location as critical to the success of the SMART Program.

GENERAL COMMENT

There were allegations of potential Sunshine Law violations during the evaluation process for the selection of both the Owner's Representative (Heery) and the Cost and Program Controls Manager (Atkins North America). In both instances, the entire evaluation process was repeated.

Recommendation: Florida TaxWatch recommends the Committee request a briefing by the District's General Counsel to better understand the nature of the allegations, the steps taken to resolve the allegations, and the steps taken to mitigate the likelihood of having to repeat future evaluation and selection processes.