EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation for Bid Renewal 14-081F - Fire Alarm Services

The current Invitation to Bid (ITB) 14-081F - Fire Alarm Services was approved on November 12, 2014, as a three (3) year contract, with the option of two (2) one (1) year renewals. It was originally awarded a spending authority of \$5,500,000, expiring on November 12, 2017, and included the option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. The first renewal of the bid was approved at the School Board Operational Meeting on November 7, 2017.

This request is to approve the second renewal for one (1) year through from November 13, 2018 to November 12, 2019.

This solicitation covers the service, repair, maintenance, and annual certifications of the fire alarm systems at all schools and administrative sites throughout the District. Currently, the District has three (3) different systems: SimplexGrinnell LP, FCI, and Notifier by Honeywell.

It is in the best interest of the district to renew this contract as the prices the District receives are the best in the market. The cost of doing business has gone up from many vendors, yet The School Board of Broward County, Florida, costs have not increased. As an example, SimplexGrinnell's hourly rate for a technician during normal business hours is \$236, whereas the District pays \$85.

Supplier evaluations were completed by the staff of PPO that have used the services provided in this ITB. During the four (4) years of the ITB, performance from the vendor has been excellent. A survey was conducted, and the results have been included. Note that the District's Chief Fire Official approves of this renewal.



Financial Impact

For this renewal, there will be no financial impact as there is enough spend authority left to carry over the next twelve (12) months renewal period. The funding source will come from existing approved Physical Plant Operations' (PPO) operating budget.