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September 17, 2010

Mr. Gary S. Hines, Environmental Resource Manager Facilities and Construction Management School Board of Broward County 1700 S. W. 14th Court Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

RE: Extension of Partnership Agreement in Support of NatureScape Broward Programming in Broward Schools

Dear Mr. Hines,

Over the past year, we have made great progress in continuing to implement NatureScape Broward programs in Broward County Public Schools under the terms of our partnership agreement (copy attached). To date, we have installed 23 learning gardens at middle schools, delivered over 200 classroom educational programs, trained over 260 District teachers and 135 custodial/maintenance staff in School Board approved training sessions, and provided valuable environmental information to an additional 1200 teachers, administrators, custodial staff and other School Board employees through personal contact.

During this past school year, we saw tremendous growth in the number of students that directly participated in educational lessons intended to raise their consciousness on the importance of water conservation, native landscaping, and environmental stewardship, with over 13,750 students participating in classroom and outdoor environmental activities directly related to our partnership agreement. The educational community outreach events on which we have jointly collaborated have been a great success, enjoyed by students, parents, teachers, and local community residents. Please find attached copies of the *SchoolScapes* newsletter outlining our partnership activities over the past year and some correspondence from teachers and attendees lauding our trainings and events. An August 17 Broward County Public Schools press release also highlighted the program.

This year, the NatureScape Irrigation Service conducted irrigation system evaluations at over 40 school campuses, resulting in over 78 million gallons of annual water savings. This translates into real water, energy, and cost savings to the School Board of Broward County.

We hope you concur that, through our partnership agreement, we have realized great success in implementing the NatureScape Broward initiative in our public schools. As such, the County would very much like to continue providing these services for an additional contract year, and we kindly request that the School Board consider renewal. Per the terms of the current agreement, should the School Board elect to renew, a written notice to this effect must be submitted to the County at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of the current agreement term, which ends on December 26, 2010.

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We look forward to continuing our partnership in this very important initiative. Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Robert Rudolph at (954) 519-0328.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Director

Broward County Natural Resources Planning & Management

cc: Denis Herrmann, Director, School Board of Broward County, Design and Construction Contracts Thomas E. Lindner, Acting Deputy Superintendent, Facilities and Construction Management

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