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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Board Members

**FROM:** Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

**SUBJECT:** Pasco STAR Phase III Development  
Riverbend Software Solutions, Inc.

On May 18, 2004, the Board approved a negotiated contract with Riverbend Software Solutions, and granted permission to issue a purchase order to that company for development of Pasco STAR, the District's web-enabled assessment data warehouse and reporting system. On June 21, 2005, the Board authorized development of Phase II for Pasco STAR. Documentation of those official actions is attached as reference.

Research & Evaluation Services is requesting that Riverbend, as the incumbent service provider, be approved to provide additional features and functionality to the STAR system under Phase III. A memo from Dr. David Scanga, Director of Research & Evaluation, and a detailed Statement of Work from Riverbend are attached for your review.

Riverbend has provided a quality product to the District in previous stages of the STAR system's development. It is Research & Evaluation's belief that using a different vendor for the additional work required would be counterproductive. The expenditure of \$219,000 has been benchmarked as fair and reasonable by Purchasing: Phase II's four (4) development milestones were accomplished in 19 weeks for \$140,000; Phase III, with six (6) development milestones, will be accomplished in 52 weeks after Board approval (by May 30, 2007), which is a 57% overall lower weekly rate than Phase II pricing. A detailed Statement of Work is attached for your review.

Under DOE rule 6A-1.012(10), the District is permitted to negotiate for high technology purchases, should we choose to do so. The Board previously approved support and maintenance to Riverbend (at \$10,000 per year) for the next fiscal year, therefore support and maintenance of the system on an ongoing basis is not included in this request.

Date/Time : May 31, 2006 11:47:00

Per Dr. Scanga, Phase III work will be funded out of Title II and Title V funds. We are requesting approval of this expenditure, and permission to issue a purchase order to Riverbend in the amount of \$219,000. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Dr. Scanga or me at your earliest convenience.

KDG/az  
Attachments

Date/Time