

## **Consideration for Approval of Architect for Repurposing Former Myrtle Beach Intermediate School**

**Policy Reference:** OE-13: The superintendent shall assure that physical facilities support the accomplishment of the board's **Results** policies, are safe and properly maintained.

**Background Information:** In August 2019, the current Myrtle Beach Intermediate School (MBIS) population was relocated to the newly remodeled Myrtle Beach Elementary School, leaving MBIS vacant. A code analysis of the building was performed and reviewed with the Office of School Facilities to determine the feasibility of the repurposing of the building and a budget was developed for the project. Staff has identified three programs to occupy the building: Adult Education, Science Kits, and Records Retention. HCS' Adult Education program and the Science Kits program are both currently in leased space at Horry Georgetown Technical College (HGTC). HGTC has expressed their need of these spaces for their own purposes. Therefore, HCS must find a new location for both programs as quickly as possible. The existing Records Retention department was approved to be relocated as well, and the MBIS building is ideal in size, layout and location to support all three programs. The board approved funding for the repurposing of MBIS on November 4, 2019. A Request for Qualifications #1920-24RF was issued for professional design services. Five responses from interested firms were received and forwarded by procurement to the evaluation committee which then met on December 13, 2019. The committee determined all five firms should be interviewed. The evaluation panel included Mark Koll, Amber Barnhill, Mark Wolfe, Ara Heinz and Patrick McCord. Interviews were held with five firms on January 7, 2020, and D3G Architects, LLC, was selected as the most qualified firm for this project.

**Purpose:** To approve the D3G Architects, LLC for the design work required for repurposing of the former Myrtle Beach Intermediate School to support the Adult Education, Science Kits, and Records Retention programs.

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**Recommended Action:** Approval of D3G Architects, LLC as the architectural firm for design and construction administration work to repurpose the former Myrtle Beach Intermediate School to house Adult Education, Science Kits, and Records Retention programs.

**Estimated Cost:** 6.5% of construction cost

Recurring ☐ Non-recurring ☒

Funding Sources: Design fees are included in the overall project funding approved by the board on November 4, 2019. Sources were the Building Modification funds and insurance claim funds from the former Horry Street property.