## BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS Belmont, Massachusetts

TO:

Dr. Patricia Aubin

DATE:

April 30, 2009

FROM:

Dr. Gerry Missal, MCPPO

RE:

HVAC Repair Bid 2009-2010 Re-Bid

Invitations to bid on HVAC work for the Belmont Public Schools for the period, July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, were prepared and advertised in the local newspaper on April 16, 2009.

Specifications were requested by seven contractors and three bids were received. The bids were opened at 1:30 p.m. on April 30, 2009. Following is a listing of the bids received:

	Service Repair <u>Rate</u>	Current <u>Rate</u>
Bedford Mechanical, Inc. Bedford, Massachusetts	80.00	48.00
Mechanical Air Controls, Inc. Marshfield, Massachusetts	87.00	
Cooling & Heating Specialists, Inc. Newton, Massachusetts	100.00	

Bedford Mechanical, Inc. has performed this work for us during the current year in a more than satisfactory manner.

It is recommended that the bid from Bedford Mechanical, Inc., dated April 23, 2009 be accepted in accordance with our specifications dated April 16, 2009. An appropriate motion for the School Committee would be:

To award the contract for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) repair to Bedford Mechanical, Inc. of Bedford, MA at their low bid of \$80.00 per hour for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and to direct the Director of Finance, Administration and Capital Planning to enter into a contract with Bedford Mechanical on behalf of the Belmont School Committee.

Consistent with ongoing practices, the contract with Bedford Mechanical, Inc. shall also include work for the Town of Belmont through the Board of Selectmen, as well as other Town Boards and Commissions, at the same bid price.

## GM:dp

CC:

Bob Martin, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds Barbara Hagg, Town Accountant Kevin Looney, Manager of Town Buildings & Facilities Rep. Will Brownsberger

## Memorandum Belmont Public Schools

To:

Dr. Patricia Aubin

Superintendent of Schools

From:

Dr. Gerry Missal, MCPPO

Director of Finance, Administration & Capital Planning

Re:

Rejecting HVAC repair bid

Date:

April 8, 2009

At their April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the School Committee awarded the 2009-10 contract for HVAC repair to Bedford Mechanical at their apparent low bid of \$49 per hour. My memorandum of April 1<sup>st</sup> with all of the bids is attached.

Since the contract award, it has come to my attention from Pipefitters Local 537 that the bid by Bedford Mechanical was below the prevailing wage rates for this category of work. As indicated on the attached Prevailing Wage Rates sheet from the MA Division of Occupational Safety, the prevailing wage rates for HVAC and pipefitters are all in the mid-to-upper \$60 per hour range. Bedford Mechanical's bid is clearly below this required rate. Thus, I have no choice but the ask the School Committee to reverse their bid award and to re-bid the contract.

I would recommend that the School Committee, at their April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, reverse their earlier award of the HVAC repair contract to Bedford Mechanical and reject all bids originally received on March 19, 2009. We will re-bid the contract and have a new recommendation back to the School Committee for their meeting of May 5.

cc:

Bob Martin, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

Kevin Looney, Manager of Town Buildings & Facilities

Barbara Hagg, Town Accountant

Rep. Will Brownsberger