

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #15 (2001-2002) REVISED

August 27, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SELECTION: GIRDWOOD LANDFILL
CLOSURE DESIGN

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of URS Corporation for investigation and design services to develop corrective actions for closure of the dump adjacent to Girdwood School and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into a contract with URS Corporation for these design services.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Girdwood dump was operated by the village of Girdwood and, after incorporation, by the Municipality of Anchorage, from 1964 until 1974. Girdwood School was constructed in 1980 in the vicinity of the old dump. Since that time the former dump has become a source of concern over potential impacts to public health. The most recent of these episodes occurred during the winter of 2000-2001 when leachate from the dump perked to the surface of the school play field requiring the area to be fenced off. Surface water sampling has not revealed adverse contamination, however, the dump needs to be properly closed to minimize environmental impact.

The Anchorage School District solicited professional expertise to perform site investigation and design services to develop corrective actions for proper dump closure. The professional services will include an investigation of the geological and hydrological conditions of the dump, identification and evaluation of potential corrective actions, and development of a design for construction of the preferred closure alternative. Services also include assisting the District with regulatory agency and community interface.

This professional services contract will meet the District's commitment to the ADEC and the Girdwood community to initiate the process of closing the dump. Funding for this contract will come from two sources. There is \$25,000 remaining from the Girdwood School Improvements 2001 project. Additionally funding in the amount of \$160,000 is available in Major Maintenance funding established in ASD Memorandum #349 (2000-2001), Revision Of FY 2001-2002 Revised Financial Plan.

Funding amount and sources for construction have not been determined. After the design is complete, stakeholders will be invited to participate in the closure project funding. Correction of the dump issue was not envisioned at the time the Girdwood School Improvements 2001 project was developed, and exceeds the scope and funding available from that project. The District will look to other parties to participate in the closure project construction funding (MOA Solid Waste Services, US-EPA and ADEC).

A Request for Proposal was issued on June 26, 2001. Three firms submitted proposals on July 16, 2001. A Selection Committee, comprised of Facilities and Purchasing departments' staff and three independent members of the professional community, evaluated the proposals. The short list of firms in rank order is shown in Attachment A. The Selection Committee recommends URS Corporation.

Should the District and URS Corporation not successfully finalize fee negotiations, the District reserves the right to negotiate with the next highest ranked proposer or to cancel the proposal.

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Attachment

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Attachment A

Short List

1. URS Corporation
2. R&M Consultants, Inc.
3. Gilfillian Engineering & Environmental Testing