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Date: April 7, 2025

To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools

East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education

From: Ashraf Kawash, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Subject: Custodial Supplies Bid

Update:

Last year, we went out to bid for custodial supplies and chose a three-year contract. The committee initially requested a one-year contract, and the vendor agreed to provide the competitive pricing based on a three-year deal for just one year. The current vendor has since reached out with an offer to extend the contract for two more years, maintaining the previous pricing and agreed-upon increases. While we could consider going back out to bid, the ongoing tariffs and supply chain challenges suggest that staying with the current vendor might offer us more favorable pricing. If we decide to extend with the vendor for another two years, we will only pay the negotiated price increases from the bid tabulation, with any additional price adjustments being based on the Consumer Price Index.

Issue:

The contract with our current custodial supply vendor is expiring.

Justification:

The purpose of this bid is to enter into a contract with an authorized vendor to provide Custodial Supplies and Delivery services needed for The School District. The authorized vendor will work with the School District's Buildings and Grounds Department to establish services as directed. The School District is seeking a contractor that can develop a comprehensive approach to assist The School District in managing, ordering and delivering custodial supplies for each of its' facilities.

The district went out for bid on Thursday June 13, 2024 and received 5 bids.

Board Policy:

Pursuant to Board Policy 4:60, Supplies, materials, or work involving an expenditure in excess of \$25,000 must comply with the State law bidding procedure, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21, unless specifically exempted.

Strategic Plan:

This recommendation supports Strategic Goal #2, Operational Excellence that states the following: *East Aurora School District 131 will align and utilize systems and resources that promote operational excellence, efficiency, and fiscal accountability.*

Supporting Documents:

See attached

Recommendation:



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It is recommended that the Board of Education award a (3) three-year contract for custodial supplies to Warehouse Direct as specified in bid tabulation.

<u>Timeline for Decision</u> July 17, 2024

