

No Action Required

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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees

From: Sid Grant - Bond Project Manager

Date: June 24, 2024

cc: Dr. Brad Hunt, Diana Sircar, Josette Dobbins

Re: Approval of Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Construction Observation, Engineering, and Testing Services

The new construction of the CHS Fine Arts building, Tennis Center additions, and the Valley Ranch Elementary additions require testing of certain materials, primarily concrete, throughout the construction process. We are required by code to have all concrete pours for piers, foundations, drives, fire lanes, and storm shelter walls tested to ensure they meet or exceed minimum strength requirements.

Coppell ISD has utilized Terracon Consultants for several years for testing materials during new construction, including the construction of Canyon Ranch Elementary and Coppell Middle School West. They are always timely and thorough in their testing and reports.

As a professional consulting and engineering service, the Texas Education Code §44.031 does not require or even allow for formal bidding for professional and engineering services. Therefore, the only state requirement is for the Board of Trustees to approve Terracon as the professional materials testing consultant for the above-mentioned projects. The costs of testing have been fully allotted for each respective project.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve the hiring of Terracon Consultants, Inc. as a professional consultant and engineer for construction materials observation, engineering, and testing services for the Coppell High School Fine Arts building, Coppell High School tennis center additions, and the Valley Ranch Elementary additions at a total cost not to exceed \$250,000.