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PROMISE KEPT: MULTI-PHASE PROJECT TO REPLACE NORLAND SENIOR BEGINS

In keeping with the promises made last November when Miami-Dade County Public Schools asked county voters to invest in their schools by approving the issuance of a \$1.2 billion General Obligation (GO) Bond, the Miami-Dade School Board approved the commission of James B. Pirtle Construction Company, Inc. to provide pre-construction services for the phased replacement of Miami Norland Senior High School.

Pirtle was one of seven qualifying firms to apply for the project and has agreed to provide Construction Management at-Risk (CMR) pre-construction services for the scope of the project.

The School Board also approved an item awarding construction contracts to two Small Business Enterprise firms: JCI International, Inc., and JRT Construction Company; and two Micro Business firms: Unique Construction, Inc., and Cami-Axle Construction Corporation; to perform a wide variety of tasks and maintenance-related activities.

This item marked the first small and micro business Job Order Contracting (JOC) set aside in the District's history.

Under the terms negotiated with Pirtle Construction, the firm has agreed to utilize 40 percent of Small/Micro Business Enterprise firms, 20 percent African-American and 8 percent Women-owned firms, as well as 20 percent of the local workforce for construction.

All the contractors had to prequalify prior to submitting bids or proposals on the construction contracts. The Board approved the prequalification certificates for 26 new applicants at a Special Board meeting held November 6.

Norland Senior High School was constructed in 1958 and currently consists of 15 buildings, including a recently built gym, sports fields, courts, parking, fully developed site and various additions built between 1964 and 2006.

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