Florida State College at Jacksonville
District Board of Trustees

AGENDA ITEM NO. CA – 4.

Subject: Purchasing: North Campus Paving & Stripping Parking Lots 1-4 & 6 Plus Service Roads and new JTA Bus Route

Meeting Date: November 8, 2022

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the District Board of Trustees authorize College administration to enter into a satisfactory construction contract in the amount not to exceed $1,367,804.00 with Pars Construction Services, LLC as the responsive low bidder meeting the construction documents for the North Campus Re-Pave & Stripping Parking Lots 1-4 & 6 Plus Service Roads and JTA Bus Stop.

Due to an October 27, 2022 bid closing date, this bid is in the process of being evaluated and will not be completed until November 4, 2022.

BACKGROUND: The asphalt paving at the North Campus parking lots and drives are original to the campus. The paving is at end of useful life and must be re-milled and re-paved. At select locations roots from large canopy trees have caused cracking to the pavement. In addition, the pavement profile to the bus stop on campus was never designed for buses. This has resulted in the deterioration of the compacted subgrade, base and pavement along the drive to Lot 6. Another challenge we are faced with is that the bus stop at Lot 6 discharges exhaust fumes into the fresh air intake at Building D.

Historically, FSCJ has found that ridership on the JTA bus system is largely local residences and not our students, faculty and staff. Based on this understanding, we have worked with JTA to relocate our campus bus stops to outlying parking lots to better serve the community. This has improved security on campus.

Faced with the challenges described above the College selected CPH Consulting LLC (Formerly known as CPH, Inc.) as the Engineer of Record for this project based on their extensive experience in civil engineering projects. CPH presented a final design that relocated the JTA bus stop to Parking Lot 4 and re-paved existing parking lots 1 – 4 and 6. The St Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) approved the engineer’s design on 9/12/22 and issued storm water permit #76116-2.

A formal Invitation to Bid solicitation was issued to 47 licensed general and paving contracting firms. As required by the State Requirements for Educational Facilities Section 4.1, the solicitation was also posted on the Florida’s My Florida Market Place Bidding System and published in the Florida Times Union. Two firms submitted cost bids and three firms submitted No Bids on October 27, 2022. Pars Construction Services, LLC is being recommended as the successful low bidder meeting the qualifications and contracting experience.

RATIONALE: Authorization to award this contract to the responsive low bidder meeting specifications is pursuant to State Board Rule 6A-14.0734 and will allow the project to proceed as scheduled.

FISCAL NOTES: The required funding will come from State Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvement Fee/Local funds as approved in the Capital Outlay Budget.