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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

SUBJECT: Renewal of Contract and Request to Place Purchase Order
Land Use Attorney Legal Services, Richard E. Davis, PA

On September 5, 2006, official action (attached) was taken to approve a contract with Richard E. Davis for legal services relating to land use.

Renewal for the 2007-08 fiscal year has been requested by Mr. Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services. Mr. Richard Davis is a land use attorney, who is familiar with contract issues, county ordinances, school concurrency and SWFWMD permitting. The firm of McClain & Alfonso, School Board Attorneys, has recommended that we contract for these services, which are highly specialized, as relating to school site acquisition and developer conveyances.

Mr. Davis has offered his services to the District at a discounted rate. The Purchasing Department has benchmarked this hourly rate as fair and reasonable, based on the rates we currently pay for other specialized legal services such as labor and equity law consulting. Per F.S. 287.057(5)(f) and DOE 6A-1.012 (7), the District may directly negotiate for legal/professional services, when it is in the best interest of the District to do so.

We are requesting renewal of this contract for the term July 11, 2007 – June 30, 2008, and permission to place a purchase order not to exceed \$25,000. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Gadd or me at your earliest convenience.

KDG/az
Attachments