

# THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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All Public Record Requestors & Potential Bidders

RE: Public Records Requests for Previous Bidder Information  
Subject: 2019 Request for Qualifications for the Palm City Elementary School  
Replacement and the Jensen Beach Elementary School Replacement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

There have been several requests for proposals, presentations and similar records submitted to The School Board of Martin County, Florida (“School Board”) with respect to the 2019 Request for Qualifications for the Palm City Elementary School Replacement and the Jensen Beach Elementary School Replacement. By law:

If the agency rejects all bids, proposals, or replies and concurrently provides notice of its intent to reissue a competitive solicitation, the recording and any records presented at the exempt meeting remain exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued competitive solicitation or until the agency withdraws the reissued competitive solicitation.

§286.0113(2)(c)(3), Florida Statutes (emphasis added). The recording of the meeting is similarly exempt. §286.0113(2)(c)(2), Florida Statutes.

The School Board voted to reject all bids/proposals in December of 2019 and indicated its intent to reissue the two requests for qualifications for these school replacement projects. The School Board approved the two requests for qualifications in January of 2020. The two requests for qualifications have been issued and a cone of silence is in effect for the current bid process. Therefore, the requested records were and remained lawfully exempt under public record law.

However, after a diligent inquiry, we learned that significant substantive materials were released to some of the bidders by Anthony George, Esq., who serves as outside counsel for the School Board. Accordingly, it has been decided to release the otherwise exempt information to all bidders, and therefore, the public at large.

The information is presently available via Dropbox at the following links:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s0xzsfk6sihytg5/AAAOjpDTxTo7p-WcKAIjkYj0a?dl=0>

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xytdzl7phozb2lz/AADNf\\_ChjDbj1YEeFE9NpWKua?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xytdzl7phozb2lz/AADNf_ChjDbj1YEeFE9NpWKua?dl=0)

Please be advised that this public records exemption will not be waived in the future.

*Laurie J. Gaylord, Superintendent*

School Board Members: Tony Anderson • Victoria Defenthaler • Michael DiTerlizzi • Marsha Powers • Christia Li Roberts

If you have any questions, concerns or wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

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