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Was there consultation and approval by district procurement personnel before the action was taken? I have not been apprised that there was. Does anyone know?

This is only one example in the reasoning for my constant refrain that we need to openly discuss the way we do business. Events such as these weaken the organization and send the wrong signals to potential vendors.

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- a. Attorney services (subject to Board approval), court recorders, expert witness services, bond rating services and costs associated with issuance or refinancing of bonds
 - b. Certified Public Accountants (subject to Board approval)
 - c. Legislative consultant (subject to Board approval)
 - d. Financial advisors, investment management, brokerage services (subject to Board approval)
 - e. Insurance coverage, both primary and reinsurance
 - f. Other professional services obtained on a fee basis (subject to Board approval)

The full manual can be found at <https://www.lexrich5.org/cms/lib/SC01916806/Centricity/Domain/2706/DistrictFiveProcurementManual.pdf>

Michael Cates
School Board Trustee
District 5 of Lexington & Richland County

On Aug 14, 2019, at 5:24 PM, Michael Harris <mrharris@lexrich5.org> wrote:

FYI

Board Members:

Please receive this email as information pertaining to my response(s) to questions regarding the Professional Services Contract with Milone and MacBroom, Inc.

Thank you.

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From: **Michael Harris** <mrharris@lexrich5.org>

Date: Wed, Aug 14, 2019 at 4:12 PM

Subject: Re: Proposed Contract with Milone and Macbroom

To: Kenneth Loveless <kloveless@lexrich5.org>

Cc: Robert Gantt <rgantt@lexrich5.org>, Christina Melton <csmelton@lexrich5.org>

Mr. Loveless:

Thank you for the email.

My response(s) to your questions are as follows:

1. We did not advertise for proposals in the State publication SCBO or elsewhere.
2. We did not receive any other proposals for professional services.

*In this particular case, we followed the School District Five **Code Exemptions** as found in the Procurement Manual.

The specific area of focus was Section #6 - Policy and Legal Services, Item F.

Information can also be found on Page 2 of the Code Exemptions Section.

Thanks

On Wed, Aug 14, 2019 at 12:41 PM Kenneth Loveless <kloveless@lexrich5.org> wrote:

Hello Dr, Harris,

Hope you are having a good day!

I have a few of questions. First, did we advertise for proposals in the state publication SCBO or elsewhere? Could you email me a copy of the Advertisement for Bids? Second, did we receive any other proposals. If we did, would you be so kind as to send me a copy of those And, If we did not, are we treating Milone and Macbroom as a sole source solicitation?

I request replies well before the next board meeting.

Thanks

Ken Loveless



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