
Question via Email

email: "mrharris@lexrich5.org Michael Harris"

Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 7:09:50 PM Eastern Daylight Time

To: email: "jhammond@lexrich5.org Jan Hammond" , email: "rgantt@lexrich5.org Robert Gantt" , email: "csmelton@lexrich5.org Christina Melton"

Mrs. Hammond:

In response to your email on August 14th regarding the Professional Services Contract provided by Milone & MacBroom, Inc., please receive the following reply:

For several months conversations of rezoning have been held as the District simultaneously moved forward with plans for Elementary School #13. As a function of planning responsibilities, I researched companies that specialized in areas such as redistricting, redrawing attendance lines and enrollment projections, to name a few of the areas of interest. Consequently, Milone & MacBroom, Inc. was one of the companies I consulted.

To date, I can assure you that every step and action taken has been in direct alignment with the Board's Procurement Policy and its accompanying Code Exemptions. During each phase of discussion with the Professional Service company and/or prior to presentations to the Board during Executive Session, I consulted with and was duly advised by the District's Procurement Office. No actions have been taken without first consulting with the Procurement Office. I can further attest that the Board's Procurement Manual (i.e. Code Exemptions) have been properly applied.

Additionally, per the Procurement Code Exemptions, bids and request for proposals (i.e. to compare costs - as stated in your email below) are not required but are instead exempt according to Item F: Other professional services obtained on a fee basis (subject to Board approval) found under Policy and Legal Services of the Procurement Manual.

I am in agreement with you that School District Five would benefit from a review of our current attendance lines and school zoning practices. However, I believe that the District is best served by allowing a Professional Service company to work in tandem with staff for the collection of documents and materials that provide the best outcomes as we move forward into the future.

With kind regards and much appreciation,

From: Janis Hammond <jhammond@lexrich5.org>

Date: August 14, 2019 at 10:55:56 PM EDT

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

Subject: Question

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Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 9:37:54 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Thanks for your response. Jan

On Thu, Aug 15, 2019 at 7:10 PM Michael Harris <mrharris@lexrich5.org> wrote:
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