



# Fayette County Public Schools

## Executive Summary Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting Agenda Item

**MEETING:** Regular

**DATE:** September 9, 2022

**TOPIC:** Approval of Third-Party Special Inspection Agreement for the Construction of New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG 23-547

**PREPARED BY:** Myron Thompson, Chief Operating Officer @ 422-0383

**Recommended Action on:** 9/23/2024  
Consent Item

**Superintendent Prior Approval:** No

**Recommendation/Motion:** Authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract with Solid Ground Consulting Engineers, PLLC in the amount of \$119,400.00 (One Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars) to perform the third-party special inspections outlined below, subject to review/approval of the FCPS General Counsel.

**Background/Rationale:** The International Building Code as adopted by Kentucky requires the Owner of construction/renovation projects to contract directly with a qualified engineering firm that can act as a third-party Special Inspection Agent for the duration of a renovation/construction project. Previous editions of the code allowed the special inspector to be hired by the contractor. The current series of FCPS projects and all future projects will be required to have special inspectors hired directly by FCPS.

Several sections of the Kentucky Building Code require the special inspection of structural materials and their installation (i.e., concrete footings, bolted steel connections, masonry materials) prior to the work progressing to the next phase. This is meant to be a safeguard to Owner, the building occupants and the general public, and will help eliminate construction defects before structural components are concealed by finish materials.

Request for Proposal #52-24 was solicited on July 16, 2024, and four (4) proposals were received from qualified engineering firms to serve as the Special Inspection Agent. The special inspector must be available as soon as the contractor begins foundation work and whenever inspection activities are required by the code throughout the life of the project. Based on the design team's analysis of the proposals received, Solid Ground Consulting Engineers, PLLC appears to have met all of the project scope of work criteria and has submitted an acceptable and cost-efficient proposal. The total anticipated value of the services (\$119,400.00) needed for the project requires the approval of the Board.

Contractor	Proposal Amount
Solid Ground	\$119,400.00
CSI	\$120,000.00
Terracon	\$137,132.50
S&ME	\$206,000.00

**Strategic Priority:**

- Student Achievement     Unity, Belonging & Student Efficacy
- Highly Effective & Culturally Responsive Workforce
- Outreach & Engagement     Organizational Health & Efficiency

**Data Considerations:** District Facility Plan

**Policy:**            **01.11 – Powers and Duties of the Board**

**Fiscal Impact:**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Org. Code</u>	<u>Object Code</u>	<u>Project Code</u>
Construction 360	0393610	0349	23547

**Attachments(s):**        **Contract**