



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of May 22, 2010**

DATE: May 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Approval of the Award of a Contract between the County Board and Combined Services, Inc., for the replacement of washers and dryers in the Arlington County Detention Center located at 1435 N. Courthouse Road.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the award of Agreement Number 83-10 between the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia and Combined Services, Inc., to provide general construction services to replace the washers and dryers in the County's Detention Center for an amount not to exceed \$237,000, plus a contingency of \$35,550 for a total contract authorization of \$272,550.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the Agreement and any other contract documents, subject to the approval of such documents by the County Attorney.

ISSUES: County Board approval is required to execute a contract to replace three sets of washers and dryers and do related work in the Detention Center. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: This is a request for approval of the award of a contract for the replacement of the washers and dryers in the Detention Center. Combined Services, Inc. has been selected through Invitation to Bid No. 83-10 to provide general construction services. The work is needed as the existing equipment, installed in 1993, is at the end of useful life and replacement parts are no longer available.

BACKGROUND: The existing three sets of washers and dryers were installed when the Detention Center was opened in 1994. These industrial-sized units were brought into the Center through the interior passages and doors, and assembled in place. The Sheriff's Department has requested replacement with similar capacity units, as the installed machines are beyond their useful life, requiring frequent service calls. Major replacement parts are no longer available for these units, causing their remaining service life to be problematic. The Detention Center

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laundry function is essential to their daily operation; serving both the inmate population and several other County services include the Police Department and DHS Homeless Shelters. Outsourcing laundry service is not considered practical considering operational, security and cost issues.

The replacement equipment specified to meet the laundry needs cannot be assembled in place and is too large to fit through three sets of doors between the delivery area and laundry room. The scope of work for this solicitation includes installing larger doors for installation of the replacement equipment and the ability to replace with similar-sized units in the future.

DISCUSSION: Invitation to Bid No. 83-10 was issued on April 6, 2010. Bids were received and opened from seven (7) bidders on May 4, 2010, with the following pricing:

Combined Services, Inc.	\$237,000
QSS International, Inc.	\$239,077
Hughes & Smith, Inc.	\$253,995
Rand Construction Corp.	\$277,050
MCA Construction	\$277,385
Keys Ridge Construction, Inc.	\$308,486
ITEK Construction	\$350,224

Review of the bids established that Combined Services, Inc., submitted a responsive bid and was the lowest-priced responsible bidder.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for the washer-dryer replacement are available in PAYG account 313.480001.43563.DFWD.0000.0000.