



# Hardee County Public Schools School Board Agenda Analysis

**Author(s):** Rob Krahl, Director of Educational Facilities

**Date:** June 17, 2021

**Subject:** Approval of Contract to replace two Air Cooled Chillers  
At Hardee Junior High / Hilltop Elementary

**Background Information:** At the Board Meeting of April 22, 2021 we asked for permission to advertise for bids for the replacement of these chillers, and it was granted. It was advertised in the Herald Advocate on May 6, 2021. On May 18, 2021 a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held, at which time the specifications were distributed, and all questions answered. It was followed by a visit to the site to review the existing conditions.

Five contractors attended the pre-bid meeting, and three submitted bids MSI Mechanical's bid was received late, and was deemed non responsive. Johnson Controls bid of \$327,393.00 was the low bid, and Air Mechanicals bid of \$392,200.00 was significantly higher (almost 20%).

Delivery of the equipment is expected to be 17 weeks, with a 2 week installation. We therefore ask your permission to award the contract to Johnson Controls, allowing them to order the new Chillers and schedule the installation over the Holiday Break.

**Administrative Consideration (include F.S., Rule, Authority, etc.):**

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II), part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Allowable expenses:

- (14) Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$327,393 from ESSER II funds, if allowed. Florida Dept. of Education has not yet set up a grant portal where school districts can request approval of proposed uses of ESSER II funds. If ESSER II funds are not allowed, we will use 2021-22 capital outlay tax funds.

**Director of Finance signature:** 

**Superintendent's Recommendation to School Board:** Recommend approval of contract with Johnson Controls to replace two air cooled chillers at Hardee Jr. High/ Hilltop Elementary for \$327,393.

Action Agenda

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**BOARD ACTION**  
6/17/2021  
Approved

Bid Tabulation

HJH/HES Chiller Replacement  
06/04/2021 2:00 p.m.

|                      | BASE BID   | Refrigerant Recovery & Tank | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 | Add - P & P Bond |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| Air Mechanical       | 391,000.00 | 1,200.00                    |          |          | 6500.00          |
| CoolSyst             | NO Bid     |                             |          |          |                  |
| Johnson Controls     | 321,340.00 | 6,053.00                    | ✓        | —        | 878.48           |
| Source Refrigeration | NO Bid     |                             |          |          |                  |

9-12 w/c delivery  
1 w/c install

17 w/c delivery  
2 w/c install

EMCOR Services  
MSI - Mechanical - Received bid 2:30 PM  
NO BID

BIDS OPENED BY:  
Barbara Spears - *[Signature]*  
Robert Krahl - *[Signature]*  
Todd Burden - *[Signature]*  
Giles Hurrelison - *[Signature]*  
Selection will be made after review of bids.