

Item: SP: A-3.

BOT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE Wednesday, February 25, 2009

SUBJECT: Ground Lease for the expansion and relocation of St. Lucie County School Board's Marine Oceanographic Academy currently operating at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at FAU

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommend approval of a Ground Lease permitting the St. Lucie County School Board ("School District") to expand and relocate their Marine Oceanographic Academy ("MOA") currently operating at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at FAU ("HBOI at FAU").

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The mission of the MOA is to provide a small learning environment where high school students can grow socially and intellectually through challenging and engaging experiences in cooperation with HBOI at FAU scientists and resources. Through the cooperative relationship between HBOI at FAU and the School District, the MOA aspires to become a national model for integration of high-level core courses with a focus on authentic marine, environmental, and oceanographic research, in a culture of cooperation and respect.

The School District currently has two high school classes (freshmen and sophomores) of approximately 100 students each attending the MOA located at HBOI at FAU. Classes are currently housed, in part, in the Johnson Education Center Annex buildings and, in part, in portable facilities on a portion of unimproved land on the east side of Dixie Highway. The School District compensates FAU for professional and technical services provided by HBOI at FAU scientists, as well as monthly rent, and retains responsibility for all MOA utility, maintenance and operating costs.

The School District desires to expand MOA enrollment to a full four year high school academy (approximately 400 students total). To adequately accommodate the requested expansion, the School District would ground lease approximately 6 acres of unimproved land on the west side of Dixie Highway, with up to 28 portable or hybrid facilities on the site. This relocated site sits outside of the HBOI at FAU security gate. All costs and responsibilities associated with the new site, including rent, installations, utilities, permitting and necessary utility connections and expansions, shall be borne by the School District. The School District shall continue to retain sole responsibility and cost for compliance with all applicable legal requirements governing security and access to school grounds. The cooperative academic relationship through which

HBOI at FAU scientists provide professional and technical services to the MOA will continue to remain an integral part of the MOA curriculum.

The proposed Ground Lease provides for a five (5) year term. It is contemplated that the MOA may continue a long term presence on the proposed HBOI at FAU site. Any extensions or longer term arrangements will be brought back to the Board for further consideration and review.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

The Ground Lease proposes a July 1, 2009 commencement date. Initial infrastructure investigations and preparations are underway.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The School District will pay rent (\$44,400 per year) and all costs associated with the MOA and retain all responsibility for MOA operations and improvements. The School District will also contribute their fair share costs of any resulting concurrency or impact fees and compensate FAU for the professional and technical services provided to the MOA by HBOI at FAU scientists.

Supporting Documentation: Proposed Ground Lease

Presented by: Shirley Pomponi, Executive Director

Phone: 772-465-2400

GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT

This Ground Lease Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of this 18th day of March, 2009 ("Effective Date"), by and between the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees (the "University" or "Lessor") and the School Board of St. Lucie County, Florida the governing body of the School District of St. Lucie County, Florida (the "School District" or "Lessee").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at FAU is a Universityowned research institute located at 5600 US 1 North, Fort Pierce, Florida 34946 (the "Harbor Branch Campus"); and

WHEREAS, the Marine and Oceanographic Academy (the "MOA") is a high school operated by the School District on the Harbor Branch Campus, pursuant to a Ground Lease dated July 1, 2008 and a Facilities Use Agreement last executed July 29, 2008 ("Existing Agreements"); and

WHEREAS, the School District desires to ground lease an alternative portion of real property on the Harbor Branch Campus from the University in order to relocate and expand the capacity of the MOA on the Harbor Branch Campus;

WHEREAS, the University desires to ground lease an alternative portion of the real property within the Harbor Branch Campus to the School District in order to accommodate such expansion and relocation, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the University and Lessee agree as follows:

1. <u>Premises</u>

In consideration of the rents, covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement, University ground leases to the School District and the School District ground leases from the University approximately five (5) acres of real property located on the Harbor Branch Campus, as more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Premises").

2. <u>Use of Premises</u>

- A. The Premises shall be used by the School District solely for the operation of the MOA. Lessee must obtain the prior written approval of the University for any other use of the Premises. At Lessee's own expense, Lessee shall promptly comply with all requirements of University policies and procedures and of any local, state, or federal law or regulation required by Lessee's use of the Premises.
- B. Lessee shall not (i) use the Premises for any illegal purpose, nor for any purpose that is injurious to the health, safety, and welfare of the public or University community nor jeopardize the University's insurance coverage

of the Premises (ii) commit, or suffer to be committed, any waste in or on the Premises; or (iii) create or permit any nuisance in or on the Premises.

- C. Lessee accepts the demised Premises on an "as is" basis and University makes no representations or warranties about their condition or fitness or use for a particular purpose.
- D. This Agreement does not provide for Lessee's use of the University's equipment or furniture. Any use by Lessee of the University's personal property will be the subject of a separate agreement and may be subject to fees established by the University.
- E. The University acknowledges and agrees that Lessee's operation of an educational laboratory on the Premises will require the use of some hazardous substances. Lessee shall receive University approval prior to bringing hazardous substances on the Premises, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed, or conditioned.
- F. Administrative matters for Lessee's personnel (i.e., terminations) shall not be conducted on the Premises.
- G. The use of the Premises by the School District is premised on the existence of an academic affiliation pertaining to the MOA between the University and the School District, as more specifically set forth on Exhibit B.
- 3. <u>Improvements</u>
 - A. The School District, at its sole cost and expense, may place up to twentyeight (28) portable-hybrid facilities on the Premises in order to provide educational facilities for up 400 MOA students (and associated staff) (the "Portables-Hybrids"). The School District may begin placing Portables-Hybrids on the Premises as of the Effective Date of this Agreement. Additional Portables-Hybrids and/or students are subject to the prior written consent of the University. The projected size and location of such Portables-Hybrids on the Premises shall be as depicted on Exhibit C attached hereto ("Site Plan"). The size and/or location of the Portables-Hybrids may be adjusted within the Premises upon written approval of the University, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.
 - B. Any construction, connection or installation of facilities, utilities or other infrastructure activities necessary for the operation of the Portables-Hybrids (including, as needed, the installation of a generator for the existing lift station, modifications to the existing water plant, including additional potable water storage, and/or the addition of new water lines) shall be the sole responsibility, cost and expense of the School District, including any site, storm water, construction or other necessary permitting associated therewith, and shall be as depicted on the Site Plan or as otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties. All such work shall be conducted in a safe and responsible manner and shall not interfere with

the operations of the University. Lessee shall be solely responsible for maintenance, operation and repairs of any and all improvements made to the Premises, shall ensure that all improvements are installed, operated and maintained in a safe manner consistent with standards applicable to surrounding University facilities and improvements, and shall ensure that all uses and activities on the Premises are consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. To the extent possible and unless otherwise directed by the University, upon termination of this Agreement, the School District shall restore any property affected by such work to substantially the same or acceptable condition as immediately preceding.

- C. The School District shall be responsible, at its sole cost and expense, for ensuring that all construction, connection, or installation of facilities, utilities, or other infrastructure activities mutually agreed upon by the parties conform to all applicable legal, environmental and regulatory requirements, including without limitation the appropriate sections of the Florida Building Code, Florida Fire Prevention Code, and other applicable building and life safety codes ("Codes"). As provided in Sections 1013.371 and 1013.38, Fla. Stat., the School District shall provide and shall be authorized and responsible for review of construction documents and for supervision and inspection of the work by its chief building official or inspector certified in accordance with Chapter 468, Fla. Stat., and by such other personnel as are necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of the applicable Codes.
- D. The School District shall be solely responsible for obtaining the appropriate certificates of occupancy for the Portables-Hybrids, as necessary and at its sole cost and expense.
- E. The School District may not make any additional improvements or alterations to the Premises without the prior written consent of the University. Any permanent improvements and alterations shall become a part of the Premises and shall become the property of the University free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.
- F. The School District shall provide the University with as-built drawings of all improvements made by the School District on the Premises.

4. <u>Utilities and Other Services</u>

A. The University will have no obligation to provide utility connections to the Premises, but shall allow the Lessee to undertake such connections so long as consistent with the Site Plan and the terms of this Agreement. Connections to the University's existing utilities for all utility services desired by the School District in connection with the Premises and/or the Portables-Hybrids, including water, sewer, gas, and electricity shall be the sole cost and responsibility of the School District. All such utilities, with the exception of water and sewer, shall be separately paid and metered by the Lessee. Water and sewer costs shall be paid by Lessee to the University on a monthly basis in addition to the rental payment set forth in Section 7A below; provided, however, that (i) the School District agrees to have installed, at its sole cost and expense, a separate water meter for the Premises, and (ii) the School District acknowledges and agrees that water and sewer costs for the first year have been estimated at \$30 per student (\$750 per month for the first year, based on 300 students total) and shall be reconciled annually and adjusted appropriately to reasonably reflect the School District's fair share costs associated with water and sewer use on the Premises. Lessee shall also pay to the University its fair share costs of any impact fees or concurrency costs (expenses or costs that purport to defray the additional strain upon public infrastructure from a new facility, including extension or expansions of solid waste, drainage, potable water, parks and recreation, or transportation facilities) associated with MOA operations on the Premises, which payment shall be due thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice from the University specifying the impact fees or concurrency costs due and owing. Potable water and sanitary sewer service to the Premises shall be accessible from distribution points existing as of the Effective Date. The School District, at its sole cost and expense, shall be responsible for extending and/or expanding the distribution system as needed for MOA operations at the Premises.

- B. Telephone and data connections and janitorial and waste services shall be the sole cost and responsibility of the School District and shall be established or contracted for independent of FAU infrastructure and existing connections or services.
- C. The Lessee acknowledges that the University may establish various fees and charges for the use of various facilities, equipment and services provided by the University and not leased to or specifically provided to the Lessee hereunder.

5. <u>Maintenance and Repairs</u>

The School District, at its sole cost and expense, shall maintain the Premises and any improvements, fencing or personal property thereon in reasonable and orderly condition and repair. The University shall not be required to supply any maintenance, repair or cleaning services to or for the Premises or the Portables-Hybrids, or to inspect the same. Any maintenance, repair or cleaning needs shall be the sole responsibility and cost of Lessee.

6. <u>Term</u>

The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2009 ("Commencement Date") and continue for a term of five years, ending on June 30, 2014 ("Term").

7. <u>Rentals and Payments</u>

A. As annual rental for the lease of the Premises, the Lessee shall pay to the University, beginning on the Commencement Date of this Agreement, rent of \$44,400, to be paid monthly in the amount of \$3,700, and on or before the 1st day of each month, to the offices of the University as set forth below. On each anniversary date of this Agreement, rent shall increase by three percent (3%).

B. The Lessee shall pay all rentals, fees and charges owed to University to:

Florida Atlantic University Office of the Controller 777 Glades Road Boca Raton, FL 33431

8. <u>Transfer, Subletting and Assignment</u>

Lessee shall not transfer, assign or sublease all or any part of the Premises. The Lessee shall not permit any use of the Premises other than as specified in this Agreement, nor may it transfer, pledge, surrender or otherwise encumber or dispose of its interest in any portion of this Agreement. The Lessee shall not permit use of the Premises by any other entity or third party without the advanced written consent of the University.

9. <u>Furniture</u>

The Lessee is responsible for furnishing the Premises and/or the Portables-Hybrids. Upon termination of this Agreement the furnishings and equipment which were provided by the Lessee and are removable shall be the property of the Lessee.

10. Parking & Access

- A. Lessee shall comply with and shall ensure that its employees, contractors, agents and invitees comply with all parking rules and regulations of the University, including decal costs, at Lessee's expense. Only vehicles of employees, parents, visitors, and contractors of Lessee doing business at the MOA and Lessee's school buses shall be permitted on the Premises. Other vehicles of Lessee or Lessee's invitees, including MOA students, will not be permitted on the Premises.
- B. Access to the Premises shall be as depicted on the Site Plan. New curb cuts or access points for the Premises shall be the sole cost and responsibility of the School District and subject to the prior approval of the University, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.

11. <u>Security</u>

Lessee shall assume sole responsibility and cost for compliance with all applicable legal requirements governing security and access to school grounds. Lessee acknowledges and agrees that the University shall not be responsible for providing, and that Lessee will not rely upon the University for, police and emergency response services for the Premises. The Lessee shall coordinate with the University with respect to the provision of all such services such that the University is reasonably satisfied with how such services shall be provided. In the event the University is required to or agrees to provide any such services, the Lessee agrees to be responsible for any and all costs associated with the University's provision of such services to Lessee. Only MOA students, parents, visitors, and Lessee's staff and contractors doing business at the MOA shall be permitted on the Premises.

12. Inspection

Lessee shall permit the University, its agents and employees, with prior notice, except in the event of an emergency in which case no prior notice shall be required, to enter into and upon the Premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspecting the Premises. University shall make reasonable efforts not to disrupt Lessee's activities in conducting such inspections.

13. <u>Regulations, Licenses and Permits</u>

- Α. The Lessee shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, and the procedures and policies of the University, which may be found at http://www.fau.edu/policies/index.php, as the same may be amended from time to time, specifically including University's antiharassment and anti-discrimination policies and regulations. If Lessee defaults in its obligation to comply with one or more of the foregoing, the University may deliver written notice of such default in the manner provided in Section 20. Lessee shall have a period of twenty (20) calendar days from receipt of such notice within which to correct the default. If the default is not corrected within such time, or within such additional time as may be granted by the University upon a showing that Lessee is proceeding in good faith to correct the default, the University may at its option terminate the Agreement. If, in the opinion of the University, violation of one or more of the foregoing laws, procedures or policies may cause a public hazard or nuisance, the University may demand the immediate correction of such violation or breach.
- B. The Lessee, at its sole cost and expense, shall be liable and responsible for obtaining, paying for, maintaining on a current basis, and fully complying with, any and all permits, licenses and other governmental authorizations, however designated, as may be required, at any time throughout the entire term of this Agreement, by any federal, state, or governmental entity or any judicial body having jurisdiction over the Lessee or the Lessee's operations and activities, for any activity of the Lessee conducted on the Premises and for any and all operations conducted by the Lessee, including insuring that all legal requirements, permits and licenses necessary for or resulting, directly or indirectly, from the Lessee's operations and activities on the Premises have been obtained and are being fully complied with. The University shall, where deemed appropriate, give its full cooperation to the Lessee necessary to obtain and/or hasten the obtaining of any required permit or license.

14. <u>Surrender of Premises</u>

Upon termination of this Agreement, Lessee will at once surrender possession of the Premises to the University in as good condition as when first received, normal wear and tear excepted, and remove all of Lessee's personal property therefrom, specifically including the Portables-Hybrids upon request of the University, within sixty (60) days from the date of termination. Any personal property of the Lessee not removed in accordance with this Section may be removed by the University for storage at the cost of Lessee. Failure on the part of Lessee to reclaim its personal property within sixty (60) days from the date of termination shall constitute a gratuitous transfer of title thereto to the University for whatever disposition is deemed to be in the best interest of the University. If the University does not accept such transfer, the University shall, at its discretion, remove, store, or dispose of such property at Lessee's expense.

15. <u>Signage/Use of the University Name</u>

- A. The design, construction and installation of Lessee's signage and advertising material are the sole responsibility of the Lessee. The design and installation of all signage and advertising material, of any type or kind, which is visible to the public on the exterior of the Premises shall be subject to the advance written approval of the University, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Approval shall be contingent upon the signage/advertising complying with the University's overall signage program for the area in which the Premises are located. The obligation to place signage directing traffic to the Premises shall be the responsibility of the University. The quantity and location of signage will be within the University's sole discretion.
- B. Lessee shall not use the University's name or logos without the prior, written approval of the University. Lessee shall not state or imply endorsement of Lessee or of Lessee's activities by University.

16. <u>Personal Property</u>

Lessee may install and operate in and on the Premises such fixtures and personal property as is reasonably required for Lessee's permitted use of the Premises, in accordance with the Site Plan, or otherwise with the prior, express, written approval of the University. At the termination of this Agreement, such fixtures, not including utility fixtures desired to remain by mutual agreement, and personal property must be removed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

17. Insurance

- A. Lessee shall maintain at its own expense, without lapse or material change, for so long as it occupies the Premises, the following insurance: (i) Worker's Compensation coverage in accordance with applicable law and (ii) General Liability and Automobile Liability coverage with limits of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) per person and Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) per occurrence or such limits as may be established by the State of Florida. The University acknowledges that the Lessee may obtain the required insurance coverages through a self-insured governmental pool which meets the foregoing criteria.
- B. Lessee shall require all of its contractors conducting work on the Premises to maintain, at their own expense, the following insurance: (i)

Worker's Compensation coverage in accordance with applicable law and (ii) General Liability and Automobile Liability coverage with limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per person and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence. The liability policies shall name the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees and their employees, agents, contractors and volunteers as additional insureds. The School District shall provide evidence of such coverages to HBOI at FAU prior to the commencement of any work by each contractor.

18. Liability and Indemnification

Lessee agrees to conduct its activities in the Premises in a careful and safe manner. To the extent permitted by Florida law, Lessee hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the University and its respective trustees, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, and agents (collectively "Releasees") from and against all any and all claims, demands, liabilities, losses, costs or expenses, including attorneys' fees, that may arise indirectly or directly from Lessee's breach of any term or condition of this Agreement or any act or omission in connection with Lessee's use of the Premises, whether caused by the Lessee's acts or omissions of the acts of omissions of the Lessee's employees, agents, contractors or invitees in connection with this Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall be construed or interpreted as (1) denying to either party any remedy or defense available to such party under the laws of the State of Florida; (2) the consent of the State of Florida or its officers, employees, servants, agents, agencies, or public bodies corporate to be sued; or (3) a waiver of sovereign immunity of the State of Florida beyond the waiver provided in section 768.28 of the Florida Statutes.

19. <u>Waiver of Claims</u>

Lessee expressly waives any and all claims for compensation or damage for any and all loss or damage sustained by it or by any person by reason of interruption of the air conditioning, electrical, plumbing systems or water supply, or for any loss or damage, including the prohibition of use of the Premises by Lessee or any person claiming under Lessee, resulting from any hurricane advisory warning or other acts of God, civil commotion, riots or labor strikes.

20. Notices

All notices required or permitted to be given under the terms and provisions of this Agreement by either party to the other shall be in writing and shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by a nationally recognized overnight courier service to the parties as follows:

University: Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at FAU 5600 US 1 North Fort Pierce, Florida 34946 Attn: Associate Executive Director

With a copy to:	Florida Atlantic University 777 Glades Road, ADM 367 Boca Raton, FL 33431 Attn: Office of the General Counsel
Lessee:	The School District of St. Lucie County 4204 Okeechobee Road Fort Pierce, FL 34947 Attention: Alan Gilbert, AIA
With a copy to:	The School District of St. Lucie County 4202 Okeechobee Road Fort Pierce, FL 34947 Attn: School Board Attorney

21. Default

If Lessee at any time is in default in the payment of rent, or any amount due to University, or in the performance of any of the material stipulations, terms, conditions, agreements or provisions of this Agreement, the University may deliver written notice of such default in the manner provided in Section 20. Lessee shall have a period of twenty (20) calendar days from receipt of such notice within which to correct the default. If the default is not corrected within such time, or within such additional time as may be granted by the University upon a showing that Lessee is proceeding in good faith to correct the default, the University may at its option terminate the Agreement.

22. Evacuation

The University reserves the right to require evacuation of the Premises when it is deemed necessary by the University for the safety of the University community or the Lessee.

23. <u>Availability of Funding</u>

The performance of the parties of any of their obligations under this Agreement shall be subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated by the Florida Legislature or otherwise lawfully expendable for the purpose of this Agreement. The party shall give notice to the other party of the non-availability of such funds when the party has knowledge.

24. Independent Contractor

The relationship of the Parties is that of independent contractors. Nothing herein is intended or will be construed to establish any agency, partnership, or joint venture. Neither party is authorized or empowered to act as agent for the other party for any purpose, and neither party shall be bound by the acts or conduct of the other party.

25. <u>Severability</u>

The terms of this Agreement are severable such that if any term or provision is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable.

26. Entire Agreement

This Agreement expresses the entire understanding of the parties with reference to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous representations, understandings and agreements, whether oral or written.

27. <u>Amendments</u>

This Agreement may be amended only by express, written agreement of the parties executed by their authorized representatives.

28. Binding Effect

The terms, conditions and covenants of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their successor and assigns. This provision shall not constitute a waiver of any conditions prohibiting assignment or subletting.

29. <u>Waiver</u>

The waiver by a party of any breach of any provision contained in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such provision on any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision contained in this Agreement. Any such waiver must be in a properly signed writing in order to be effective, and no such waiver or waivers shall serve to establish a course of performance between the parties contradictory to the terms hereof.

30. Access to Documents

The parties shall allow public access to all documents and other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, made or received in conjunction with this Agreement.

31. <u>Governing Law</u>

The validity, construction and effect of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. The University, as an agency of the State of Florida, is entitled to the benefits of sovereign immunity, including immunities from taxation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their appropriate officials.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Signature

Signature

Name

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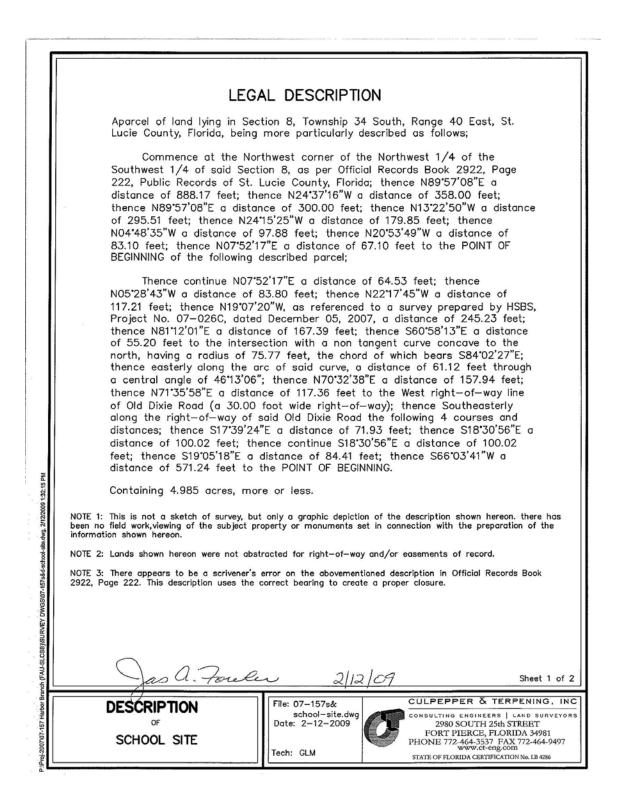
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Exhibit A

The Premises



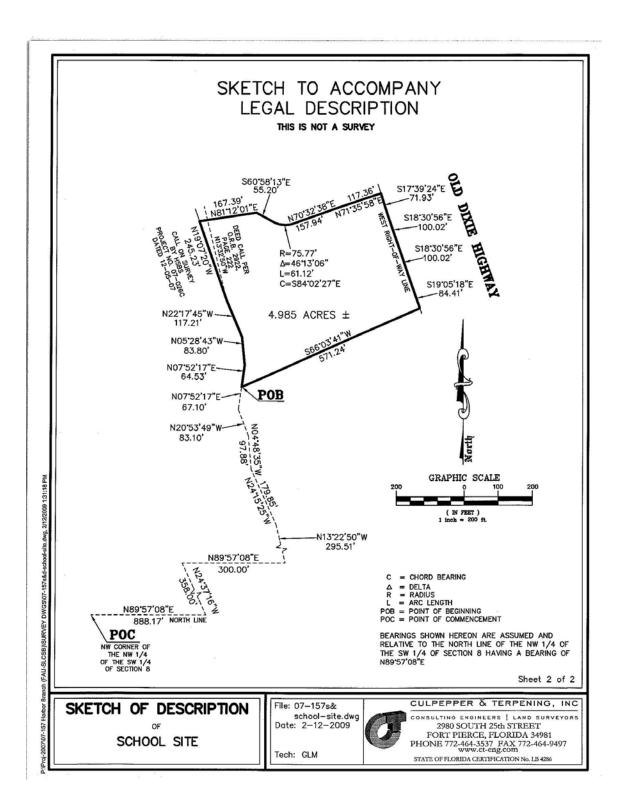


Exhibit B

Academic Affiliation

HBOI at FAU will provide services to the MOA, including but not limited to the following:

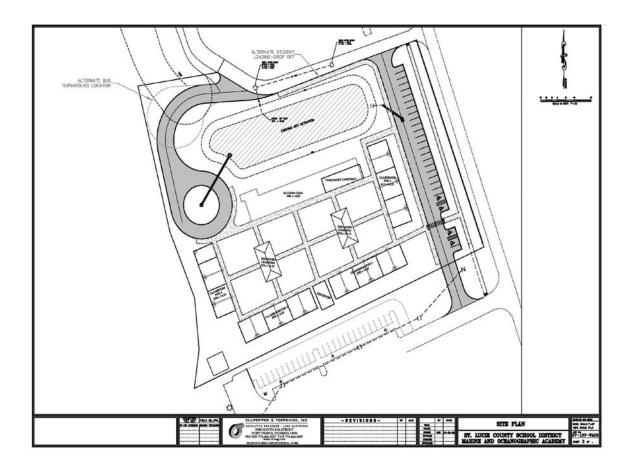
- Professional and technical services (20% of the contact time for each science course). These may include lectures by scientists, laboratory direction and supervision, mentoring, and/or field instruction. Included will be the use of HBOI at FAU education laboratory equipment and pontoon boats or other research vessels where appropriate. One hour of scientist preparation time and one hour of "restoration" time will be allowed for each hour of contact.
- For this contact time, HBOI at FAU will provide use of classroom, auditorium, laboratory, or field space for MOA students to include contact time spent with scientists and pre-/post-time spent with MOA instructors (including dual enrollment instructors) or HBOI at FAU laboratory assistants.
- HBOI at FAU will provide appropriate materials and supplies to students and teachers for HBOI at FAU interactions.
- Use of auditorium space for MOA-related activities, as mutually agreed to each year and scheduled, subject to availability, through HBOI at FAU Marine Education.
- Access to the Indian River Lagoon to conduct field and water activities as part of the jointly-approved MOA science curriculum.
- Use of the HBOI at FAU research library, subject to HBOI at FAU library rules. Student use to be supervised by MOA staff.
- Consultant time with HBOI at FAU education and scientific staff to design appropriate lessons for MOA curriculum and HBOI at FAU participation in a minimum of two Oversight Committee meetings per year with the School District.
- Invoices for payment will be sent by HBOI at FAU to the School District Office of Curriculum and School Improvement twice each semester.

St. Lucie County School District responsibilities:

- Prompt payment to HBOI at FAU (within 30 days of invoice) of fees for the services described above, the rate based on HBOI at FAU's cost to deliver its part of the program, and determined by mutual agreement on or before June 30th each year
- Teacher supervision of students at all times
- School and district support of all coordination and evaluation efforts
- Attendance at oversight committee and lesson design meetings as requested
- Security clearances as may be required by the School District for all applicable HBOI at FAU personnel
- Arranging transportation for MOA student activity on the eastern portion of the HBOI at FAU campus
- Obtaining parent/guardian releases for MOA student activity on the HBOI at FAU campus

Exhibit C







Charting a Course for Opportunities in Marine Science Education

through the

St. Lucie County School District's Marine & Oceanographic Academy (MOA)

Mission

The mission of the Marine and Oceanographic Academy of Fort Pierce Westwood High School is to provide a small learning environment where students can grow socially and intellectually through challenging and engaging experiences in cooperation with HBOI@FAU.

Aspiration

Through the cooperative relationship between HBOI@FAU and the St. Lucie County School District, the MOA aspires to become a national model for integration of high-level core courses with a focus on authentic marine, environmental, and oceanographic research, in a culture of cooperation and respect. MOA will become a true community of learners.



Program History

Year 1 (2007-2008)

- Initial MOA Freshman class, consisting of nearly 100 students, located in the Marine Education Annex at HBOI@FAU
- 6 MOA Faculty

Year 2 (2008-2009)

- Sophomores move into portables adjacent to the Marine Education Annex
- Second class of MOA freshman enroll, located in the Marine Education Annex
- 12 MOA Faculty

Four Year Course of Studies

- Each year:
 - 2 Science courses
 - Mathematics (through AP Calculus)
 - English
 - Social Studies
 - Electives
- All courses are Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), or dual enrollment
- HBOI@FAU staff design appropriate lessons for MOA curriculum and deliver 20% of the content of the science courses.



In the senior year, each student will select one of four "paths", with two science courses customized for each path:

- Ocean Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Marine Biotechnology
- Aquaculture

These paths are all strengths of HBOI@FAU and emerging career opportunities for students.

Infusion

Cutting-edge science at HBOI@FAU allows students to learn and teachers to teach in a career-related setting with opportunities in marine, environmental, and oceanographic studies.



Integration



Interdisciplinary teaching and learning occur in a setting where students, teachers, and scientists interact, problem solve, and collaborate in a way that recognizes the need for each subject's content and skills.

Access To HBOI@FAU Scientists

Scientists, students, and instructors easily interact formally and informally when they are going to work and learn in the same location every day.



Guiding Principles

- District, school, and HBOI@FAU share in all major decisions of curriculum, including students and staff assigned to the program.
- All classes with the possible exception of one elective per day will be held on the Harbor Branch campus.

Guiding Principles

Students are selected from a pool of those considered eligible through proficient FCAT scores, excellent middle school records, teacher recommendations, and a short personal essay.





