On January 14, 2009, the Board directed the district architect to seek LEED Gold status for the new Student Services Building. As part of that effort, the District needs to obtain at least 39 LEED points and a recommended cushion of 4, in case some are not accepted. The last two points needed may be obtained by implementing Energy and Atmosphere Credit 6 *Green Power* (EA Credit 6), as well as the related Innovation in Design Credit 1 (ID Credit 1) *Exemplary Performance*. EA Credit 6 requires provision of green power, which is defined as subscribing to a renewable energy source for a 2 year period. ID Credit 1 allows for a doubling of the credit.

The required green power energy is available from Renewable Choice Energy for $1,970.03. This amount procures green power in a sufficient quantity for EA Credit 6 and ID Credit 1, thus providing 2 credits for LEED purposes. Approval of this contract will give the project an accumulated 43 points towards LEED Gold Certification. Note that this action allows the Board to defer any decision on whether to implement the previously discussed Open Space credit.

The Board of Trustees approved use of the EA Credit 6 *Green Power* at the Newark Campus as part of the process of obtaining LEED *Platinum*. Renewable Choice Energy was the firm selected to provide green power at Newark.

Funds for this purpose are allocated in the Measure A Bond budget, Fund 42.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve contract number 4860901 in the amount of $1,970.03 with Renewable Choice Energy to provide green power for the new Student Services Building for the purpose of obtaining LEED Gold status.