EXHIBIT N-9

Subject: DECLARE GEM INDUSTRIAL, INC., AS LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER ON JOB. NO. 103-08, NS BUILDING STAIR DRAINAGE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

OVERVIEW

The District has solicited for bids to modify and improve the drainage on the stairways at the Natural Sciences (NS) Building. The project will consist of furnishing and installing drains for the 3 exterior steel stairs for the NS building; complete with gutters and downspouts. Work is to also include replacement of a limited amount of interior drywall and insulation at the entrance to the south stair at the 1st and 2nd floors.

DISCUSSION

A notice was published in the San Diego Daily Transcript on March 5, 2008 and March 12, 2008 calling for General Contractors for bids on Job No. 103-08 NS Stair Drainage Project.

The following bids were received by the closing date of March 27, 2008 at 3:00 pm.

CONTRACTOR	TOTAL BASE BID
GEM Industrial Inc., Lakeside, CA	$84.680.00
Wayne Whitwer Construction Co., Poway, CA	$124.900.00

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The District budgeted amount for the project was not to exceed $90,000.00. Based upon the lowest bid received from GEM Industrial, Inc., the District is able to contract in the amount of $84,680.00.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board accept the bid from GEM Industrial, Inc., as the lowest responsive bidder and authorize the award of a contract to GEM Industrial, Inc., in the amount of $84,680.00.