

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM AGENCIES TO PROVIDE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST, REGISTERED NURSE, AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE SERVICES FOR THE EDUCATION OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS FROM JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES

Authorization is requested to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from agencies to continue the provision of Respiratory Therapist (RT), Registered Nurse (RN), and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) services for the education of exceptional students for whom such services have been identified as necessary to access and benefit from school-based education, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. The RFP will seek one or more agencies to provide the nursing and related medical services for exceptional students as determined necessary by their Individual Educational Plans and physicians' medical recommendations for these services. It is proposed that once the contract is awarded, there be an option to renew the contract for up to two additional one-year periods.

Estimated hours of services needed from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000, are as follows: Respiratory Therapy Services, approximately 25,000 hours; Registered Nurse Services, approximately 25,000 hours; and Licensed Practical Nurse Services, approximately 25,000 hours. The estimated cost for providing these services is in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.

The selection of the agencies to provide the RT, RN, and LPN services will be made by a committee on the basis of several factors including professional qualifications, experience in providing RT, RN, and LPN services, and the fee. The proposed members of the selection committee are:

- a director for the Division of Exceptional Student Education
- a supervisor for the Division of Exceptional Student Education
- a region director for Exceptional Student Education or designee
- a principal from a school with students who receive RT, RN, or LPN services

- a representative from the Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for ESE
- a teacher from a program with students who receive RT, RN, or LPN services
- a representative from the Division of Business Development and Assistance
- a representative from the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management

The estimated timeline for implementation is as follows:

Request Board approval to issue RFP and approval of Selection Committee	February 10, 1999
Procurement Contract review Committee	February 11, 1999
Mailing of RFP	February 26, 1999
Opening of Proposal	March 23, 1999
Evaluation completed by Selection Committee	March 24, 1999
Award	May 12, 1999

A copy of the RFP will be provided to Board members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

- RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:
1. authorize the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals from agencies to provide Respiratory Therapist, Registered Nurse, and Licensed Practical Nurse services needed as related support services for the education of exceptional students, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000; and
 2. approve a selection committee to evaluate proposals submitted.

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