

November 13, 2000

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REJECT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #159-ZZ10 – CONSULTING SERVICES FOR EVALUATION, DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT’S ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

The purpose of this Request For Proposals (RFP), opened on July 18, 2000, was to establish a contract, at a firm price, to perform an independent review of the electronic procurement system of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management. Of 38 vendors sent proposal forms or card notices of this advertised proposal, 9 responded, with 4 non-responsive proposals and 5 no proposals.

The evaluation committee reviewed the proposals and unanimously recommended rejecting all proposals based on the proposers inability to meet the scope of the work delineated in the RFP. The committee further recommended the establishment of a Systems Development Committee to provide the Board with a detailed plan and report containing specific recommendations to design and implement an automated procurement solution, utilizing in-house and contracted resources. The committee would be comprised of staff from the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management, the Office of Information Technology (OIT), the Office of Compliance and Management Audits and a member of the Audit Committee.

The committee has met and recommended a plan which identifies proposed solutions, including hardware and software, to enable enhanced automation, and has outlined phased timelines for implementing the electronic procurement solutions, including technologies related to web site posting of bids, fax server automation of quotes, Internet use and security.

REPLACEMENT

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Tentative delivery dates associated with this project are as follows:

- January 17, 2001 – Deployment of the fax server including send, receive, and reporting functions.
- June 25, 2001 – Pilot the defined operations system.
- August 6, 2001 – Full implementation for all procurement solutions.

Inasmuch as all proposals submitted were non-responsive, the recommendation reflects that all proposals be rejected, to pursue alternate solutions, utilizing internal/external resources.

Fund Source
0100 – General

M/WBE Eligibility
None

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **REJECT** Request For Proposals #159-ZZ10 – CONSULTING SERVICES FOR EVALUATION, DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT'S ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM, to permit staff to pursue alternate solutions, utilizing internal/external resources.

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