

March 8, 2002

Financial Affairs  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 149-AA10 - APPLICANT  
AND EMPLOYEE COLLECTION AND DRUG-SCREENING SERVICES**

The purpose of this Request For Proposals, opened on April 10, 2001, is to establish a contract, at a firm price, to conduct applicant and employee collection and drug-screening services, for Personnel Management and Services. This is a term proposal which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be required, at the unit price proposed, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. Of 21 vendors sent proposal forms or card notices of this advertised proposal, 4 responded, with 2 proposals meeting specifications, Preventive Medicine Testing Centers, Inc., d.b.a. Global MRO™ of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and RN Expertise, Inc., of Altamonte Springs, Florida, and 2 no proposals.

RN Expertise, Inc. filed a protest of award on this proposal and the matter was referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings. Administrative Law Judge John G. Van Laningham issued a recommended order, which was filed with the Clerk of the Division of Administrative Hearings, on February 4, 2002. In his recommended order, Judge Laningham found that Global MRO™ was non-responsive in two areas and that a District technical support staff's involvement in the evaluation process was contrary to the specifications of the proposal and tainted the selection process.

Based on Judge Laningham's recommended order and the Board's adoption of the recommended order as its final order, this agenda item reflects an award to RN Expertise, Inc., the responsive proposer.

Fund Source  
0100 - General

M/WBE Eligibility  
Female - \$350,000

**REPLACEMENT  
G-76**

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AWARD** Request For Proposals No. 149-AA10 – **APPLICANT AND EMPLOYEE COLLECTION AND DRUG-SCREENING SERVICES**, to establish a contract, at a firm price, to conduct applicant and employee collection and drug-screening services, for Personnel Management and Services, during the term of the proposal, effective March 13, 2002, through March 12, 2003, as follows:

1. RN EXPERTISE, INC.  
691 DOUGLAS AVENUE, SUITE 101  
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714 ESTIMATE \$350,000  
OWNER: CHRISTINE STEELE, PRESIDENT (WF)  
  
5 Panel NIDA drug screen @ \$27.80 each.  
8 Panel drug screen @ \$26 each.  
Breath alcohol testing @ \$25 per test.  
Blood alcohol testing @ \$30 per test.
2. Authorize Procurement and Materials Management to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$350,000.

RHH/bj