

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ACHIEVE THROUGH EDUCATION, INC.; CUBAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, INC.; DADE MARINE INSTITUTES; OMBUDSMAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LTD.; RECAPTURING THE VISION; AND RICHMOND-PERRINE OPTIMIST CLUB, INC., PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 029-FF10 – OUTSIDE AGENCIES QUALIFIED TO OPERATE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT-RISK STUDENTS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Request For Proposals No. 029-FF10 – OUTSIDE AGENCIES QUALIFIED TO OPERATE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT-RISK STUDENTS, which opened on February 7, 2006, is to provide educational services to at-risk children and/or adjudicated youth for grades 6-12, within Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach, and Psychological Services. These programs are monitored by on-site District administrators, as well as support staff. The evaluation includes review of student records and implementation of services, in accordance with the Juvenile Justice Education Enhancement Program standards, which conduct yearly Quality Assurance Reviews. This is a term proposal. Of 28 proposers sent proposal forms or card notices of this advertised proposal, 9 responded.

A meeting of the Selection Committee to evaluate the proposals was held on February 15, 2006. Eight proposals were presented for consideration: Achieve Through Education, Inc.; Cuban American National Council, Inc.; Dade Marine Institutes; Multiethnic Youth Group; Ombudsman Educational Services, Ltd.; James E. Scott Community Association (JESCA); Richmond-Perrine Optimist Club, Inc.; and Recapturing the Vision. After considerable discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended that all proposers be recommended for award, with the exception of Multiethnic Youth Group, whose proposal did not meet the minimum requirements of the RFP.

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At the December 7, 2005, School Board Audit Committee meeting, it was requested that the Office of Management and Compliance Audits perform an additional audit related to M-DCPS grant funds to James E. Scott Community Association, Inc. and general contract compliance. This review was presented to the School Board Audit Committee on May 2, 2006, and provided evidence that JESCA has significant fiscal and contractual issues. The Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach and Psychological Services is in the process of working with JESCA to address the contractual, fiscal and programmatic issues of the program. A recommendation on this agency will be made at the June 2006, Board meeting. In the mean time, M-DCPS intends to extend its current contract with JESCA through the end of the summer school session (July 20, 2006), while providing intense support.

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Fund Source

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M/WBE Eligibility

Hispanic Male - \$2,525,787

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent of Schools, to negotiate and enter into contractual services agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Achieve Through Education, Inc.; Cuban American National Council, Inc.; Dade Marine Institutes; Ombudsman Educational Services, Ltd.; Recapturing The Vision; and Richmond-Perrine Optimist Club, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 029-FF10 – OUTSIDE AGENCIES QUALIFIED TO OPERATE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT-RISK STUDENTS, to provide educational services to at-risk children and/or adjudicated youth for grades 6-12, within Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach, and Psychological Services, during the term of the proposal, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, as follows:

1. **ACHIEVE THROUGH EDUCATION, INC.**
4343 WEST FLAGLER STREET, SUITE 300
MIAMI, FL 33134 ESTIMATE \$2,985,021
GUILLERMO SOMEILLAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alternative Education Program for 650 students.

2. **CUBAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, INC.**
1223 S.W. 4 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33135-2407 ESTIMATE \$2,525,787
GUARIONE M. DIAZ, PRESIDENT/C.E.O. (HM)

Alternative Education Program for 550 students.

3. DADE MARINE INSTITUTES
2701 N.E. 151 STREET
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL 33160 ESTIMATE \$1,089,668.16
LUIS CERUTI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alternative Education Program for 172 students.

4. OMBUDSMAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LTD.
1585 NORTH MILWAUKEE AVENUE, SUITE 2
LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048 ESTIMATE \$3,086,881.20
STEPHEN KAUFMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alternative Education Program for 720 students.

5. RECAPTURING THE VISION
P.O. BOX 570787
MIAMI, FL 33257-0787 ESTIMATE \$751,857.85
JACQUELINE DEL ROSARIO, DIRECTOR

Alternative Education Program for 175 students.

6. RICHMOND-PERRINE OPTIMIST CLUB, INC.
9955 WEST INDIGO STREET
MIAMI, FL 33157 ESTIMATE \$538,553.44
DENNIS C. MOSS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alternative Education Program for 125 students.

7. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase
up to the total estimated amount of \$10,977,768.85.

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