

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE BERTHA ABESS CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC. AND THE CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER, INC., PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 080-FF10 – PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR UP TO 27 PROGRAMS WITH SELF-CONTAINED CLASSES FOR SEVERELY, EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED STUDENTS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Request For Proposals No. 080-FF10 – PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR UP TO 27 PROGRAMS WITH SELF-CONTAINED CLASSES FOR SEVERELY, EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED STUDENTS, which opened on March 28, 2006, is to provide on-site psychiatric consultation to assist in the diagnosis and programming of students assigned to self-contained classes for the severely, emotionally disturbed, for the Division of Special Education (SPED). This is a term proposal. Of 39 proposers sent proposal forms or card notices of this advertised proposal, 2 responded.

The Division of Special Education contracts with outside psychiatrists to provide on-site services for up to 27 identified programs for full-time severely, emotionally disturbed students. Each site will receive approximately three to four hours of on-site services every five weeks during each school year, depending on students' needs. On-site services will include direct interview/evaluation of students, consultation with parents and/or staff, and case management.

The Evaluation Committee met to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request For Proposals on April 3, 2006. Two proposals were presented for consideration: The Bertha Abess Children's Center, Inc. and The Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc. After considerable deliberation, the committee recommended both centers for award.

Mr. Ronald Felton, Executive Director/C.E.O., of The Bertha Abess Children's Center, Inc., is a former Miami-Dade County Public Schools employee, classified as senior level management. School Board Rule 6Gx13- 4A-1.212 (Conflict of Interest), states that School Board employees are prohibited from personally representing another person or entity or acting as an agent or attorney for compensation in connection with any matter in which Miami-Dade County Public Schools is interested for two (2) years after the School Board employees' service terminates. An exception to this Rule which states that: "Exception to this provision is provided by statute for the purpose of collective bargaining, and may be granted to former school district employees who are employees or agent of not-for-profit organizations, other governmental agencies or those whose business relationship is determined by the School Board to be in the best interest of the school district." The Bertha Abess Children's Center, Inc., is a non-for-profit entity, which would fall within this Rule's exception.

Fund Source
0100 - General

M/WBE Eligibility
None

RECOMMENDED That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent of Schools to negotiate and enter into a contractual services agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and The Bertha Abess Children's Center, Inc. and The Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 080-FF10 – PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR UP TO 27 PROGRAMS WITH SELF-CONTAINED CLASSES FOR SEVERELY, EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED STUDENTS, to provide on-site psychiatric consultation to assist in the diagnosis and programming of students assigned to self-contained classes for the severely, emotionally disturbed, for the Division of Special Education (SPED), effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, as follows:

Highest Rated Proposals:

1. THE BERTHA ABESS CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC.
5801 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD
MIAMI, FL 33137 ESTIMATE \$29,400
OWNER: RONALD K. FELTON
C.E.O./EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sites: 13
Total Hours: 210
Psychiatric Consultation @ \$140 per hour.

2. THE CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER, INC.
15490 N.W. 7 AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33169 ESTIMATE \$33,600
OWNER: DR. ROBERT D. NOLAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sites: 14
Total Hours: 240
Psychiatric Consultation @ \$140 per hour.

3. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the estimated amount of \$63,000.

OSP/lja