

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 AUDREY B. GREENWALD, MS, CCC-PA, D.B.A. BOCA SPEECH CENTER; BILINGUALS, INC./CHILD & PARENT SERVICES; COMMUNITY REHAB ASSOCIATES, INC.; HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.; INVO HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.; PROGRESSUS THERAPY, INC.; SONDR A PIERCE, D.B.A. ABC SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY; THE FUTURES HEALTHCORE; AND TOP ECHELON CONTRACTING, INC., PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 077-FF10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Request For Proposals No. 077-FF10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, which opened on May 4, 2006, is to establish a contract, to provide speech and language pathology services, needed as related support services, for the Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach and Psychological Services. This is a term proposal. Of 40 proposers sent proposal forms or card notices of this advertised proposal, 19 responded, with 9 proposals meeting specifications, 8 non-responsive proposals and 2 no proposals.

A meeting of the Selection Committee to evaluate the proposals was held on May 15, 2006. Seventeen (17) proposals were presented for consideration: Audrey B. Greenwald, MS, CCC-PA, d.b.a. Boca Speech Center; Bilinguals Inc./Child & Parent Services; Community Rehab Associates, Inc.; Cumberland Therapy Services, Inc.; Hearing and Speech Center of Florida, Inc.; Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc.; Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, Inc.; Progressus Therapy, Inc.; Soliant Health, Inc.; Soliant Health, d.b.a. Bilinguals Therapies, Inc.; Soliant Health, d.b.a. ProCare Therapy, Inc.; Sunbelt Staffing Solutions, Inc.; The Center for Bilingual Speech & Language Disorders, Inc.; The Futures HealthCore; and Top Echelon Contracting, Inc. After considerable discussion, the Committee recommended that nine (9) proposers be recommended for award. Eight (8) proposers did not meet the minimum requirement of the RFP.

The speech and language pathology service agencies that are listed in this item with out-of-state addresses are national agencies that provide staff for a number of health-related fields in different states. These agencies will contract with independent pathologists who are licensed in the State of Florida to provide these services, upon request. There is a critical shortage of speech pathologists, however, every attempt will be made to utilize the agencies offering the lowest hourly rates, to the extent possible, based upon the availability of pathologists.

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 contractual service agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Audrey B. Greenwald, MS, CCC-PA, d.b.a. Boca Speech Center; Bilinguals Inc./Child & Parent Services; Community Rehab Associates, Inc.; Hearing and Speech Center of Florida, Inc; Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc.; Progressus Therapy, Inc.; Sandra Pierce, d.b.a. ABC Speech and Language Therapy; The Futures HealthCore; and Top Echelon Contracting, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 077-FF10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, to establish a contract, to provide, speech and language pathology services, needed as related support services, for the Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach and Psychological Services, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, as follows:

1. AUDREY B. GREENWALD, MS, CCC-PA
D.B.A. BOCA SPEECH CENTER
160 N.W. 4TH STREET
BOCA RATON, FL 33432
OWNER: AUDREY B. GREENWALD

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$85 per hour.

2. BILINGUALS, INC./CHILD & PARENT SERVICES
60 MADISON AVENUE – 8TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10010
DR. TRUDY FONT-PADRON, EXEC. DIRECTOR

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$85 per hour.

3. COMMUNITY REHAB ASSOCIATES, INC.
3950 3RD STREET NORTH, SUITE D
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33703
SUMMER GOWER, CONTRACT MANAGER

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$60 per hour.
4. HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.
9425 SUNSET DRIVE, SUITE 261
MIAMI, FL 33173
LILLIAN POMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$85 per hour.
5. INVO HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
350 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 315
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901
JASON RALPH, VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$61 per hour.
6. PROGRESSUS THERAPY, INC.
2701 N. ROCKY POINT DRIVE, SUITE 650
TAMPA, FL 33607
JOHN K. HOEY, PRESIDENT

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$56.50 per hour.
7. SONDR A PIERCE
D.B.A. ABC SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY
5703 S.W. 87TH AVEUNUE
COOPER CITY, FL 33328
OWNER: SONDR A PIERCE, MS, CCC-SLP

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$78 per hour.
8. THE FUTURES HEALTHCORE
136 WILLIAM STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105
ERIN EDWARDS, PRESIDENT

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$69 per hour.

9. TOP ECHELON CONTRACTING, INC.
P.O. BOX 20990
CANTON, OH 44701-0990
DEBRA M. FLEDDERJOHANN, PRESIDENT

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$65 per hour.

10. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the not to exceed amount of \$500,000.

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