

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: AWARD BID NO. 056-FF10 – APPLICANT AND EMPLOYEE
DRUG SCREENING**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: EVALUATE AND REDESIGN CURRENT DISTRICT-WIDE
RECRUITING AND HIRING PROCESSES**

The purpose of this bid, opened on May 23, 2006, is to establish a contract, at firm unit prices, to conduct applicant and employee specimen collection and drug-screening services, both to meet the general requirements for collection and drug-screening services and the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act (OTETA) requirements for collection and drug-screening services. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be required, at the unit price bid, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. Nine vendors responded to this advertised solicitation.

RN Expertise, Inc. filed a protest of award on this Invitation to Bid (ITB) and the matter was referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings. Administrative Law Judge Claude B. Arrington issued a recommended order, which was filed with the Clerk of the Division of Administrative Hearings, on December 18, 2006. In his recommended order, Judge Arrington found that RN Expertise, Inc. failed to meet its burden in the proceedings, because it failed to prove the factual predicates upon which its bid protest was based and, therefore, recommended that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, enter a final order dismissing RN Expertise, Inc.'s bid protest and award the ITB to Mercy Hospital Laboratory.

Based on Judge Arrington's recommended order and the Board's adoption of the recommended order, as its final order, this agenda item reflects an award to Mercy Hospital Laboratory, the responsive low bidder.

Benchmarking was completed against the Florida Department of Education, and the District's prices were found to be substantially lower for the comparable items.

Fund Source
Various

M/WBE Eligibility
None

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AWARD** Bid No. 056-FF10 – APPLICANT AND EMPLOYEE DRUG SCREENING, to establish a contract, at firm unit prices, to conduct applicant and employee specimen collection and drug-screening services, both to meet the general requirements for collection and drug-screening services and the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act (OTETA) requirements for collection and drug-screening services, during the term of the bid, effective February 14, 2007, through February 13, 2009, as follows:

1. MERCY HOSPITAL LABORATORY
3663 SOUTH MIAMI AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33133
ALBERTO A. REY, LABORATORY DIRECTOR

Total Low Bid: Items 1 through 6.

Item 1 - Five-Panel Drug Screening @ \$20 each.
Item 2 - OTETA @ \$20 each.
Item 3 - Eight-Panel Drug Screening @ \$25 each.
Item 4 - Breath-Alcohol Testing @ \$25 each.
Item 5 - Blood-Alcohol Testing @ \$18 each.
Item 6 - On-Site, Breath-Alcohol Testing @ \$75 each.

2. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$486,400.

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