

Business Operations  
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST    AUTHORIZATION    TO    ENTER    INTO  
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
AND SONDR A PIERCE, D.B.A. ABC SPEECH &  
LANGUAGE THERAPY; BOCA CENTER SPEECH; EBS  
(EDUCATIONAL BASED SERVICES); HEARING AND  
SPEECH CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.; AND INVO  
HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC., PURSUANT TO  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 070-HH10 – SPEECH  
AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE:        INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND STUDENT SERVICES**

Request For Proposals No. 070-HH10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, opened on April 22, 2008, is to provide speech and language pathology services to students meeting eligibility requirements, through the Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach and Psychological Services. This is a term proposal. Twenty proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

Services may include articulation therapy, language therapy, fluency therapy, and voice therapy, in addition to screenings and diagnostics. Students may be in regular programs or in ESE programs (e.g., autistic, learning disabled, physically impaired, educable or trainable mentally handicapped).

The Selection Committee met to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request For Proposals on April 30, 2008. Twenty proposals were presented for consideration: Aleisha Linck MS, CCC-SLP; All-Star Kids Rehab, Inc.; Boca Speech Center; Community Rehab Associates, Inc.; Cumberland Therapy Services, Inc.; EBS (Educational Based Services); First Alert Staffing, LLC; Hearing and Speech Center of Florida, Inc.; Invo Health Care Associates, Inc.; Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, Inc.; Maxim Healthcare Services; Multi-Lingual Speech Group, Inc.; National Therapy Services; Cobb Pediatric Therapy Service; Professional Placement Resources, LLC; Progressus Therapy, LLC; Sondra Pierce, d.b.a. ABC Speech & Language Therapy; Staffing Options and Solutions, Inc.; Sunbelt Staffing Solutions, Inc.; and Supplemental Health Care.

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Based on the discussion, the Committee chose to recommend Sondra Pierce, d.b.a. ABC Speech & Language Therapy; Boca Speech Center; EBS (Educational Based Services); Hearing and Speech Center of Florida, Inc.; and Invo HealthCare Services, Inc.

Due to the national and local critical shortage of speech and language pathologists, the District has a continued need for these services and is, therefore, contracting with all proposers. Staff will contact the primary agency offering the lowest fee, until resources cannot meet the District's needs, and will similarly contact the alternate agencies.

Fund Source

0420 – Contracted Programs

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent, or designee, to enter into contractual services agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Sondra Pierce, d.b.a. ABC Speech and Language Therapy; Boca Speech Center; EBS (Educational Based Services); Hearing and Speech Center of Florida, Inc.; and Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 070-HH10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, to provide speech and language pathology services to students meeting eligibility requirements, through the Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach and Psychological Services, during the term of the contract, effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, as follows:

Highest Rated Proposals.

**PRIMARY**

1. EBS (EDUCATIONAL BASED SERVICES)  
9 LACRUE STREET, SUITE 210  
CONCORDVILLE, PA 19331-0911  
JOHN A. GUMPERT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$62 per hour.

**ALTERNATE**

2. **SONDRA PIERCE**  
D.B.A. ABC SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY  
5703 SOUTHWEST 87 AVENUE  
COOPER CITY, FL 33328  
SONDRA PIERCE, MS, CCC-SLP  
  
Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$78 per hour.
3. **BOCA SPEECH CENTER**  
160 N.W. 4 STREET  
BOCA RATON, FL 33432  
AUDREY B. GREENWALD, PRESIDENT  
  
Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$72 per hour.
4. **HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
9425 S.W. 72 STREET, SUITE 261  
MIAMI, FL 33173  
DEBRA KNOX, M.S., CCC-SLP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
  
Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$85 per hour.
5. **INVO HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
1780 KENDARBREN DRIVE  
JAMISON, PA 18929  
JASON RALPH, VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS  
  
Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$64 per hour.
6. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the budgeted amount of \$1,200,000.

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