

Financial Services  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST    AUTHORIZATION    TO    ENTER    INTO  
                                  CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS, PURSUANT  
                                  TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 049-KK10 – LEGAL  
                                  SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE:                INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL  
                                  RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:               FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

Request For Proposals No. 049-KK10 – Legal Services, is to obtain the legal services of outside counsel from the private sector with extensive legal experience to represent The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in specific areas of expertise, on an as-needed basis, in order to facilitate increased efficiencies in case management. This is a term proposal. Forty-two (42) proposals were received in response to this advertised solicitation.

Proposals submitted pursuant to this Request For Proposals establish a list of pre-approved attorneys and firms, at the hourly rate specified therein, but do not preclude the Board from retaining other outside attorneys where the totality of circumstances surrounding the facts so warrant. The District is not obligated to enter into contracts for legal services with these firms, or base its selection on a rotational basis, and will contract with these firms on an as-needed basis, as determined at the sole discretion of the School Board Attorney.

The Evaluation Committee, consisting of Board Attorneys, Procurement Management, Risk and Benefits Management and other appropriate District staff, met on May 18, 2010, to evaluate proposals. After considerable deliberation, the committee unanimously selected the following firms to provide outside legal services, based on qualifications and experience in the specific area of expertise and ability to best meet the needs of the District. The Committee's recommendations for award are as follows:

## **Construction (Litigation, Claims, General)**

Becker and Poliakoff, P.A.  
Peterson & Espino, P.A.  
Smith Currie & Hancock, LLP  
Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli, P.A.  
Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.

## **Constitutional Law**

Akerman Senterfitt  
Gray Robinson, P.A.  
Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.

## **Labor and Employment**

Clyne & Associates, P.A.  
Gray Robinson, P.A.  
Lieberman Danz & Kronengold, P.L.  
Litchfield Cavo, LLP

## **Corporate/Transactional/Tax**

Akerman Senterfitt  
Gray Robinson, P.A.  
Ruden McClosky, P.A.  
Sanchez-Medina, Gonzalez, Quesada, Lage, Crespo, Gomez & Machado, LLP

## **Concurrency, Zoning, Real Estate Planning and Development**

Akerman Senterfitt  
Gray Robinson, P.A.  
Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.

## **Environmental**

Akerman Senterfitt  
Ruden McClosky, P.A.  
Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.

## **Eminent Domain**

Ruden McClosky, P.A.  
Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.

## **Worker's Compensation**

Angones, McClure & Garcia, P.A.  
Charlie Martinez, P.A.  
Edwards & Edwards, P.A.  
Kelley, Kronenberg, Gilmartin, Fichtel, Wander, Bamdas, Eskalyo & Dunbrack, P.A.  
Lydecker Diaz, LLC  
Isabel S. Martinez, P.A.  
Michael J. Ring, LLC  
Vernis & Bowling of Miami, P.A.

## **General Liability (Professional, Personal and Automobile Injury Liability)**

Angones, McClure & Garcia, P.A.  
Clyne & Associates, P.A.  
Litchfield Cavo, LLP  
Pyszka, Blackmon, Levy, Mowers & Kelley  
Vernis & Bowling of Miami, P.A.

## **Intellectual Property**

Gray Robinson, P.A.  
Rivero Mestre & Castro

## **Criminal**

Akerman Senterfitt  
Clyne & Associates, P.A.  
Gordon Murray, P.A.

## **Immigration**

Gray Robinson, P.A.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Office of School Board Attorney to contract on behalf of the Board for legal services with the above-selected law firms, up to the maximum rates quoted in the Request For Proposals, for the respective practice areas for a term of up to three years, with two additional one-year contract extensions, subject to further Board approval, effective July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2013, as follows:

1. AKERMAN SENTERFITT  
ONE S.E. THIRD AVENUE, 25<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
MIAMI, FL 33131
2. ANGONES, MCCLURE & GARCIA, P.A.  
44 WEST FLAGLER STREET, EIGHTH FLOOR  
MIAMI, FL 33130
3. BECKER & POLIAKOFF, P.A.  
121 ALHAMBRA PLAZA, 10<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
4. CHARLIE MARTINEZ, P.A.  
8005 N.W. 155<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE A  
MIAMI LAKES, FL 33016
5. CLYNE & ASSOCIATES, P.A.  
814 PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, SUITE 210  
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
6. EDWARDS & EDWARDS, P.A.  
2200 S. DIXIE HIGHWAY, SUITE 605  
MIAMI, FL 33133
7. GORDON MURRAY, P.A.  
550 N.E. 124<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NORTH MIAMI, FL 33161
8. GRAY ROBINSON, P.A.  
1221 BRICKELL AVENUE, SUITE 1600  
MIAMI, FL 33131
9. ISABEL S. MARTINEZ, P.A.  
2655 LEJEUNE ROAD, SUITE 809  
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
10. KELLEY, KRONENBERG, GILMARTIN, FICHTEL,  
WANDER, BAMDAS, ESKALYO & DUNBRACK, P.A.  
15600 N.W. 67<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, SUITE 204  
MIAMI LAKES, FL 33014

11. LIEBERMAN DANZ & KRONENGOLD, P.L.  
1301 INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY, SUITE 140  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33323
12. LITCHFIELD CAVO, LLP  
600 CORPORATE DRIVE, SUITE 600  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33334
13. LYDECKER DIAZ, LLC  
1201 BRICKELL AVENUE, FIFTH FLOOR  
MIAMI, FL 33131
14. MICHAEL J. RING, LLC  
4500 NORTH STATE ROAD 7, BUILDING I, SUITE 306  
LAUDERDALE LAKES, FL 33319
15. PETERSON & ESPINO, P.A.  
8900 S.W. 117<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, SUITE C-104  
MIAMI, FL 33186
16. PYSZKA, BLACKMON, LEVY, MOWERS & KELLEY  
14750 N.W. 77<sup>TH</sup> COURT, SUITE 300  
MIAMI LAKES, FL 33016
17. RIVERO MESTRE & CASTRO  
2525 PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, SUITE 1000  
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
18. RUDEN MCCLOSKEY, P.A.  
200 EAST BROWARD BOULEVARD, SUITE 1500  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
19. SANCHEZ-MEDINA, GONZALEZ, QUESADA, LAGE,  
CRESPO, GOMEZ & MACHADO, LLP  
2333 PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, SUITE 302  
MIAMI, FL 33134
20. SMITH, CURRIE & HANCOCK, LLP  
ONE EAST BROWARD BOULEVARD, SUITE 620  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

21. VERNIS & BOWLING OF MIAMI, P.A.  
1680 N.E. 135<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
MIAMI, FL 33181
22. VEZINA, LAWRENCE & PISCITELLI, P.A.  
121 ALHAMBRA PLAZA, SUITE 1604  
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
23. WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN PASTORIZA COLE &  
BONISKE, P.L.  
2525 PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, SUITE 700  
MIAMI, FL 33134

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