

Financial Services  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST       AUTHORIZATION       TO       ENTER       INTO  
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND  
ABC SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY, INC., AND EBS  
(EDUCATIONAL BASED SERVICES), PURSUANT TO  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 046-KK10 – SPEECH AND  
LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       &       COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Request For Proposals No. 046-KK10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, is to provide speech and language pathology services, for the education of disabled students, for whom such services have been identified as necessary to access education, for the Office of Professional Development and Educational Services. This is a term proposal. Twelve (12) 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 SPED programs (e.g., autistic spectrum disorder, learning disabled, physically impaired, intellectually disabled).

A meeting of the Evaluation Committee to review the proposals was held on April 22, 2010. Ten (10) responsive proposals were presented for consideration: ABC Speech and Language Therapy, Inc.; Boca Speech Center; Community Rehab Associates, Inc.; EBS - Educational Based Services; Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc.; Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, Inc.; Professional Placement Resources, LLC; Progressus Therapy, LLC; Speech Rehab Services, LLC; and Therapy Dynamics, Inc. After considerable discussion, the Committee recommended that two (2) proposers be considered for award.

The speech and language pathology service agencies that are listed in this item will be contacted to provide speech and language pathologists, who are licensed in the State of Florida, to provide the required services.

On June 7, 2010, the District received a notice of protest from Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc. dated June 4, 2010. Pursuant to Florida Statute 120.57, the protesting party must submit a formal written protest within ten days of the filing of the notice, stating with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. The ten day period will end on June 18, 2010, which is subsequent to the Board meeting of June 16, 2010. The filing of a timely protest requires the agency to stay the process unless the agency head states in writing particular facts and circumstances which require the continuance of the contract award process to avoid an immediate danger to the welfare of students. These contracted services are required to comply with the Individual Education Plan (IEP) of students with disabilities, in accordance with IDEA requirements.

Fund Source

0420 – Contracted Programs

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into contractual services agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and ABC Speech & Language Therapy, Inc., and EBS (Educational Based Services), pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 046KK10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, to provide speech and language pathology services, for the education of disabled students, for whom such services have been identified as necessary to access education, for the Office of Professional Development and Educational Services, effective July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012, pending the resolution of protest, as follows:

1. ABC SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY, INC.  
5703 S.W. 87 AVENUE  
COOPER CITY, FL 33328  
SONDRA PIERCE, PRESIDENT

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$58 per hour.

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

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$59.50 per hour.

3. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the not to exceed amount of \$2,000,000.