

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND STRONGE & ASSOCIATES EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING, LLC, PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 029-NN10 – CERTIFIED ASSESSOR TRAINING TOOL AND TEACHER QUALITY DEVELOPMENT TOOL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

Request For Proposals No. 029-NN10 – CERTIFIED ASSESSOR TRAINING TOOL AND TEACHER QUALITY DEVELOPMENT TOOL, is to select a provider to develop two (2) libraries of video resource materials that are aligned with the teacher performance evaluation model used in Miami-Dade County Public Schools: 1) for use in training/certification and calibration of assessors of teachers and 2) for providing exemplars of effective and highly effective performance to be used in staff development for teachers, for the Professional Development Department. Three (3) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

Over the past two years, teacher evaluation has significantly changed with increasingly high stakes in terms of compensation and human capital decisions. As required by the state, in order to ensure that teacher evaluation is fair, valid, and reliable, it is essential that both school administrators and teachers have the tools and support to ensure the successful implementation of the Instructional Performance Evaluation and Growth System (IPEGS) that will lead to increased teacher effectiveness in the classroom.

A key component funded through the recently awarded Federal Teacher Incentive Fund Grant, is to develop libraries of resource materials consisting of video vignettes of classroom practice and supporting materials that are aligned with IPEGS, the teacher performance evaluation model used in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. These libraries will provide a Certified Assessor Training Tool to be used in training and certifying administrators who observe and evaluate teachers, and a Teacher Quality Development Tool that will be used in staff development for teachers which is centered on improving classroom practice as measured by the IPEGS Standards.

The District will retain the rights for use of the videos and supporting materials in perpetuity and reserves the right to modify or adapt any materials procured through this Request For Proposals, as needed.

The term of the proposal shall be for two (2) years from the date of award and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the awardee, be extended for one (1) additional one (1) year period and, if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current contract period. Any contract extension required to complete the requirements of the scope of work will be at no additional cost to the District.

The Evaluation Committee met on February 13, 2013, to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request For Proposals. Three firms were presented for consideration: Educational Impact; School Improvement Network; and Stronge & Associates Educational Consulting, LLC. After considerable deliberation and scoring, the Committee recommended Stronge & Associates Educational Consulting, LLC, for award.

Fund Source
Grant Funds (Various)

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a contractual services agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Stronge & Associates Educational Consulting, LLC, pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 029-NN10 – CERTIFIED ASSESSOR TRAINING TOOL AND TEACHER QUALITY DEVELOPMENT TOOL, to develop two (2) libraries of video resource materials that are aligned with the teacher performance evaluation model used in Miami-Dade County Public Schools: 1) for use in training/certification and calibration of assessors of teachers and 2) for providing exemplars of effective and highly effective performance to be used in staff development for teachers, for the Professional Development Department, during the term of the contract, effective April 17, 2013, through April 16, 2015, including extensions thereto, as follows:

1. STRONGE & ASSOCIATES EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING, LLC
417 YORKSHIRE DRIVE
WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185
JAMES H. STRONGE, PRESIDENT

Highest Rated Proposal

2. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the estimated amount of \$2,300,000, for the initial contract term. Any contract extension required to complete the requirements of the scope of work, will be at no additional cost to the District. Board approval of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

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