

Financial Services  
Mrs. Judith M. Marte, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD RFP NO. RFP-15-008-MT – CHARTER SCHOOL  
MONITORING SYSTEM**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES**

Procurement Management Services at the request of the Department of Charter Schools Support, released the above-referenced solicitation. The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to select qualified and experienced firms to assist The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida in the development and implementation of charter school system services for charter schools managed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

The District has a statutory obligation to oversee the monitoring of all charter schools in areas such as mission-specific goals, student performance, operations, finance and governance. Proposals were being solicited from qualified individuals and/or firms for the implementation and maintenance of a user and mobile friendly, web-based, electronic management compliance system, which will serve to assist the Department of Charter School Support in the collection of data, administration of records and assistance with the compliance and monitoring of charter schools.

This RFP was advertised on the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Procurement Management Services' website, the DemandStar website, The Miami Times, The Diario Las Americas newspapers, Bid Net and Florida Bid; as well as emailed to 473 potential bidders.

The initial term of the bid shall be for two (2) year period, commencing April 13, 2016 through April 12, 2018, and may, by mutual agreement between the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidder(s), be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

Strategies were employed to increase SBE/MBE participation however, during the Goal Setting Committee meeting, the recommendation for this solicitation was to be open, not sheltered, as a large number of SBE/MBE vendors were not identified within the commodity code(s).

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The Selection Committee reviewed the following four (4) vendor proposals: Critical Elements, LLC; SF Solutions, LLC.; Building Hope – A Charter School Facilities Fund; and Wested. After considerable discussion and the Best and Final price savings of \$56,000 for the initial two year term, the Selection Committee has recommended the award to one (1) vendor, Critical Elements, LLC.

Fund Source  
Various

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. award RFP No. RFP-15-008-MT – CHARTER SCHOOL MONITORING SYSTEM, to select qualified and experienced firms to assist The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida in the development and implementation of charter school system services managed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, effective April 13, 2016 through April 12, 2018, and may, by mutual agreement between the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida and the successful bidder, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows:

CRITICAL ELEMENTS, LLC  
16808 N.E 106<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
REDMOND, WASHINGTON 98052  
OWNER/OFFICER: YEHUDA ROMANO,  
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

2. authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$160,000, for the initial contract term of two years, and an amount not to exceed \$80,000, for each subsequent one (1) year extension period (s). Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amounts shown will be expended.

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