

Financial Services  
Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:                   AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP-17-021-CH –  
LEGAL SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE:               FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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

Procurement Management Services, at the request of the School Board Attorney's Office, released the above-referenced solicitation. The purpose of this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is to obtain licensed attorneys and/or law firms to provide assistance in Construction, Real Estate, General Liability, and Workers' Compensation areas on an as needed basis for the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

This RFP was advertised on the Procurement Management Services' website, the Demandstar website, BidNet, Florida Bid, *South Florida Times* and the *Diario Las Americas* newspapers, as well as emailed to 377 potential bidders.

The initial term of the bid shall be for a three (3) year period, commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

Strategies were employed to increase SBE/MBE (Small/Micro Business Enterprise) participation. The Goal Setting Committee recommended that this solicitation be open with a 10% SBE/MBE participation rate.

Twenty One (21) vendors responded to this solicitation. Based on the evaluation criteria listed in the RFP, the selection committee's recommendation, twenty one (21) vendors were recommended for award.

Fund Source  
100000 - General

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

1. **AWARD** Request for Proposal No. RFP-17-021-CH – Legal Services is to obtain licensed attorneys and/or law firms to provide assistance in Construction, Real Estate, General Liability, and Workers' Compensation areas, with an initial effective date of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, 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:

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

ANGONES, MCCLURE AND GARCIA, P.A.  
44 W FLAGLER STREET, 8TH FLOOR  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130

OWNER/OFFICER: LEOPOLDO GARCIA, JR., MANAGING PARTNER

THE CHARTWELL LAW OFFICES, LLP  
100 SE 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, SUITE 2150  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131

OWNER/OFFICER: DEREK H. LLOYD, PARTNER

COLE, SCOTT & KISSANE, P.A.  
9150 S DADELAND BLVD, SUITE 1400  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33156

OWNER/OFFICER: RICHARD P. COLE, MANAGING PARTNER

EDUARDO E. NERET, P.A.  
2100 CORAL WAY, PENTHOUSE 706  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33145

OWNER/OFFICER: EDUARDO E. NERET, PRESIDENT

**HISPANIC AMERICAN**

**MWBE**

GRAY ROBINSON, P.A.  
301 E PINE STREET, SUITE 1400  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801

OWNER/OFFICER: MARYANNE DOWNS, PRESIDENT

HAMILTON & MILLER, P.A.  
150 SE 2ND AVENUE, SUITE 1200  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131

OWNER/OFFICER: JERRY D. HAMILTON, MANAGING PARTNER

KELLEY KRONENBERG  
8201 PETERS ROAD, SUITE 4000  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33324

OWNER/OFFICER: KAREN M. GILMARTIN, PRINCIPAL PARTNER

LYDECKER, LEE, BERGA & DE ZAYAS, LLC  
1221 BRICKELL AVENUE, 19TH FLOOR  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131  
OWNER/OFFICER: RICHARD J. LYDECKER, MANAGER

QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A.  
9300 S DADELAND BLVD., 4TH FLOOR  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33156  
OWNER/OFFICER: GEORGE F. QUINTAIROS, PARTNER

WASSERMAN & THOMAS, P.A. **MBE/MWBE**  
15150 NW 79<sup>TH</sup> COURT, SUITE 195  
MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA 33016  
OWNER/OFFICER: DAMIAN E. THOMAS, PRESIDENT  
**AFRICAN AMERICAN**

**The rates in this category are not to exceed \$140 for partners, \$125 for associates, \$75 for paralegals, \$180 per hour for complex general liability litigation for partners, and \$250 per hour for complex commercial litigation for partners. The Board Attorney's Office may negotiate lower rates with the approved firms, in order to obtain the best rate available.**

#### **Worker's Compensation**

ANGONES, MCCLURE AND GARCIA, P.A.  
44 W FLAGLER STREET, 8TH FLOOR  
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MIAMI, FLORIDA 33156  
OWNER/OFFICER: RICHARD P. COLE, MANAGING PARTNER

EDUARDO E. NERET, P.A. **MWBE**  
2100 CORAL WAY, PENTHOUSE 706  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33145  
OWNER/OFFICER: EDUARDO E. NERET, PRESIDENT  
**HISPANIC AMERICAN**

FRANCISCO BLANCO, P.L.  
2655 S LEJEUNE ROAD, SUITE 300  
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134  
OWNER/OFFICER: ALEXANDER BLANCO, MANAGER

GASTON R. ALVAREZ, P.A. **MBE/MWBE**  
2655 S LEJEUNE ROAD, PENTHOUSE 1-C  
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134  
OWNER/OFFICER: GASTON R. ALVAREZ. PRESIDENT  
**HISPANIC AMERICAN**

GRAYROBINSON, P.A.  
301 E PINE STREET, SUITE 1400  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801  
OWNER/OFFICER: MARYANNE DOWNS, PRESIDENT

ISABEL S. MARTINEZ, PL **SBE/MWBE**  
2655 LE JEUNE ROAD, SUITE 809  
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134  
OWNER/OFFICER: ISABEL S. MARTINEZ, MANAGER  
**HISPANIC AMERICAN**

JONES, HURLEY & HAND, P.A.  
1040 WOODCOCK ROAD, SUITE 100  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32803  
OWNER/OFFICER: ROBERT C. HAND, PRESIDENT

KELLEY KRONENBERG  
8201 PETERS ROAD, SUITE 4000  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33324  
OWNER/OFFICER: KAREN M. GILMARTIN, PRINCIPAL PARTNER

LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL J. RING, LLC  
440 EAST SAMPLE ROAD, SUITE 103  
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA 33064  
OWNER/OFFICER: MICHAEL J. RING, MANAGER

LAW OFFICES OF IVETTE LINARES-MORENO, P.A.  
2030 SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, SUITE 210  
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134  
OWNER/OFFICER: IVETTE E. LINARES-MORENO, PRESIDENT

MARTINEZ ROMAN GOEHL, P.A. **SBE/MWBE**  
8005 NW 155TH STREET, SUITE A  
MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA 33016  
**HISPANIC AMERICAN**

MKRS LAW, P.L.  
201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE SUITE 802  
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134  
OWNER/OFFICER: ROBERT J. RODRIGUEZ, PRESIDENT

QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A.  
9300 S DADELAND BLVD., 4TH FLOOR  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33156  
OWNER/OFFICER: GEORGE F. QUINTAIROS, PARTNER

**The rates in this category are not to exceed \$125 for partners and \$75 for paralegals and \$150 per hour for complex Workers' Compensation cases. The Board Attorney's Office may negotiate lower rates with the approved firms, in order to obtain the best rate available.**

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

THE BARTHET FIRM, P.A.  
SOUTHEAST FINANCIAL CENTER  
200 S BISCAYNE BLVD., SUITE 1800  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131  
OWNER/OFFICER: ALEXANDER E. BARTHET, PRESIDENT

COLE, SCOTT & KISSANE, P.A.  
9150 S DADELAND BLVD, SUITE 1400  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33156  
OWNER/OFFICER: RICHARD P. COLE, MANAGING PARTNER

KELLEY KRONENBERG  
8201 PETERS ROAD, SUITE 4000  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33324  
OWNER/OFFICER: KAREN M. GILMARTIN, PRINCIPAL PARTNER

LYDECKER, LEE, BERGA & DE ZAYAS, LLC  
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OWNER/OFFICER: MARYANNE DOWNS, PRESIDENT

HAMILTON & MILLER, P.A.  
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MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131  
OWNER/OFFICER: JERRY D. HAMILTON, MANAGING PARTNER

QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A.  
9300 S DADELAND BLVD., 4TH FLOOR  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33156  
OWNER/OFFICER: GEORGE F. QUINTAIROS, PARTNER

SOTO LAW GROUP, P.A.  
2400 EAST COMMERCIAL BLVD, SUITE 400  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308  
OWNER/OFFICER: OSCAR E. SOTO, PRESIDENT

TAYLOR ESPINO VEGA & TOURON, P.A.. **SBE/MWBE**  
201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE, SUITE 801  
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134  
**HISPANIC AMERICAN**

**The rates in this category are not to exceed \$295 for partners and \$75 for paralegals. The Board Attorney's Office may negotiate lower rates with the approved firms, in order to obtain the best rate available.**

**Real Estate Planning (Land Use, Eminent Domain):**

GRAYROBINSON, P.A.  
301 E PINE STREET, SUITE 1400  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801  
OWNER/OFFICER: MARYANNE DOWNS, PRESIDENT

KELLEY KRONENBERG  
8201 PETERS ROAD, SUITE 4000  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33324  
OWNER/OFFICER: KAREN M. GILMARTIN, PRINCIPAL PARTNER

QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A.  
9300 S DADELAND BLVD., 4TH FLOOR  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33156  
OWNER/OFFICER: GEORGE F. QUINTAIROS, PARTNER

**The rates in this category are not to exceed \$395 for partners and \$75 for paralegals. The Board Attorney's Office may negotiate lower rates with the approved firms, in order to obtain the best rate available.**

2. **AUTHORIZE** Procurement Management Services to award the contract up to the total estimated amount with the above selected law firms at hourly rates that are not to exceed \$140 for partners, \$125 per hour for associates, \$75 per hour for paralegals, \$180 per hour for complex litigation for partners in General Liability; \$125 per hour for partners and \$75 per hour for paralegals, and \$150 per hour for complex cases in Workers' Compensation; \$295 per hour for partners and \$75 per hour for paralegals in Construction; \$395 per hour for partners and \$75 per hour for paralegals in Real Estate.