

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of June 20, 2018

June 19, 2018

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.

M-DCPS OEO staff verified the Small, Micro, Veteran and/or M/WBE certification status of the prime firm and all subcontractors.] ADDED

Fund Source
100000 - General

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REVISED**

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):

The hourly rates in this category are not to exceed \$140 for partners, \$125 for associates, \$75 for paralegals, \$180 for complex general liability litigation for partners, and \$250 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. } REVISED

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44 W FLAGLER STREET, 8TH FLOOR
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130
OWNER/OFFICER: LEOPOLDO GARCIA, JR., MANAGING PARTNER

THE CHARTWELL LAW OFFICES, LLP
100 SE 2ND STREET, SUITE 2150
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131
OWNER/OFFICER: DEREK H. LLOYD, PARTNER

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Worker's Compensation

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POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA 33064
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2030 SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, SUITE 210
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134
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MARTINEZ ROMAN GOEHL, P.A. **SBE/MWBE**
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201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE SUITE 802
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Construction (Litigation, Claims, General):

The hourly 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. }REVISED

THE BARTHET FIRM, P.A.
SOUTHEAST FINANCIAL CENTER
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SOTO LAW GROUP, P.A.
2400 EAST COMMERCIAL BLVD, SUITE 400
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Real Estate Planning (Land Use, Eminent Domain):

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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 for associates, \$75 for paralegals, \$180 for complex litigation for partners, and \$250 for complex commercial litigation for partners in General Liability; \$125 for partners and \$75 for paralegals, and \$150 for complex cases in Workers' Compensation; \$295 for partners and \$75 for paralegals in Construction; \$395 for partners and \$75 for paralegals in Real Estate. } REVIS