

Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent  
Business Operations

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND EBS HEALTHCARE, INC.; HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.; AND SONDR A PIERCE, D.B.A. ABC SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY, PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 068-EE10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Request For Proposals No. 068-EE10 - SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, opened on April 19, 2005, will provide speech and language pathology services for the education of disabled students, whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) indicates the need for such services, for the Division of Exceptional Student Education. This is a term proposal. Of 40 proposers sent proposal forms or card notices of this advertised proposal, 12 responded, including 2 no proposals.

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 ESE programs (e.g., autistic, learning disabled, physically impaired, educable or trainable mentally handicapped).

The Selection Committee met to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request For Proposals on May 3, 2005. Ten proposals were presented for consideration: Sondra Pierce, d.b.a. ABC Speech and Language Therapy, Bilingual Therapies, Inc.; Bluewater Development, LLC; Cumberland Therapy Services, Inc.; EBS Healthcare, Inc.; Hearing and Speech Center of Florida, Inc.; Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc.; ProCare Therapy, Inc.; Reflectx Staffing and Sunbelt Staffing Solutions. Based on the discussion, the Committee chose to recommend EBS Healthcare, Inc.; Hearing and Speech Center of Florida, Inc.; and Sondra Pierce, d.b.a. ABC Speech and Language Therapy for award.

Fund Source  
0420 – Contracted Programs

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to enter into contractual services agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and EBS Healthcare, Inc.; Hearing and Speech Center of Florida, Inc.; and Sondra Pierce, d.b.a. ABC Speech and Language Therapy, pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 068-EE10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, to provide speech and language pathology services for the education of disabled students, whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) indicates the need for such services, for the Division of Exceptional Student Education, during the term of the contract, effective June 15, 2005, through June 30, 2006, as follows:

Highest Rated Proposals

1. SONDRA PIERCE  
D.B.A. ABC SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY  
5703 SOUTHWEST 87 AVENUE  
COOPER CITY, FL 33328  
OWNER: SONDRA PIERCE, MS, CCC-SLP

Speech and Language Therapy Services @ \$70 per hour.

2. EBS HEALTHCARE, INC.  
3109 GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 318  
MIAMI, FL 33133  
KRISTEN M. SNYDER  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Speech and Language Therapy Services @ \$60 per hour.

3. HEARING AND SPEECH CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.  
9425 S.W. 72 STREET, SUITE 261  
MIAMI, FL 33173  
LILLIAN POMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Speech and Language Therapy Services @ \$85 per hour.

Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the estimated amount of \$200,000.

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