

Business Operations  
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND CHC, INC.; EASTER SEALS SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.; MACTOWN, INC.; UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI, INC., AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED CONTRACTS, INC., PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 056-GG10 – SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND STUDENT SERVICES**

Request For Proposals No. 056-GG10 – SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, which opened on May 3, 2007, is to provide supported employment services, for students with moderate to severe disabilities, for the Office of Exceptional Student Education and Psychological Services. The selected agencies will provide services for exceptional students at any secondary school in the District, whose Individual Educational Plan (IEP) indicates the need for such services. The agencies will be responsible for job development, job matching, job placement, on-the-job training, and follow-up of participating students. This is a term proposal, which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be required, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. Five (5) vendors responded to this advertised solicitation.

A meeting of the Selection Committee to evaluate the proposals was held on May 11, 2007. Five proposals were presented for the Committee's consideration as follows: CHC, Inc.; Easter Seals South Florida, Inc.; MACtown, Inc.; United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc.; and Work Opportunities Unlimited Contracts, Inc. After significant discussion, the committee made a unanimous recommendation to accept all five proposals for award.

Fund Source  
0100 - General

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent of Schools, to negotiate and enter into contractual services agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and CHC, Inc.; Easter Seals South Florida, Inc.; MACtown, Inc.; United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc.; and Work Opportunities Unlimited Contracts, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 056-GG10 – SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, to provide supported employment services, for the education of students with moderate to severe disabilities, for the Office of Exceptional Student Education and Psychological Services, effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, as follows:

1. CHC, INC.  
11450 S.W. 79 STREET  
MIAMI, FL 33173  
JOHN R. MAZZARELLA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Supported Employment Services @ \$15 per hour.

2. EASTER SEALS SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.  
1475 N.W. 14 AVENUE  
MIAMI, FL 33125  
WAYNE MORGAN, VICE PRESIDENT/C.F.O.

Supported Employment Services @ \$35 per hour.

3. MACTOWN, INC.  
151 N.E. 62 STREET  
MIAMI, FL 33138  
CLINTON BOWER, C.E.O.

Supported Employment Services @ \$32 per hour.

4. UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI, INC.  
1411 N.W. 14 AVENUE  
MIAMI, FL 33125  
DR. DEBBIE TERENCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Supported Employment Services @ \$33 per hour.

5. WORK OPPORTUNITY UNLIMITED CONTRACTS, INC.  
9000 SHERIDAN STREET, SUITE 101  
PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33024  
STEVEN A. WOOD, PRESIDENT

Supported Employment Services @ \$50 per hour.

6. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$320,000.

OSP/lja