

Financial Services  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF POOL OF PRE-QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS,  
PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 090-JJ10 –  
PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTANT SERVICES TO  
CONDUCT REQUIRED EVALUATION OF GRANTS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND STUDENT SERVICES**

Request For Proposals No. 090-JJ10 – PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTANT SERVICES, is to develop a pool of pre-qualified consultants, to conduct required needs assessments, develop evaluation plans and research design, collect and analyze data, interpret results and prepare recommendations and reports, on an as-needed basis, for the Office of Program Evaluation. The external program evaluation services to be provided to the District under this contract will be funded through grant funds, as identified and required through the granting agency. This is a term proposal. Fifteen (15) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

This contract provides for the required identification of external evaluators, for submission of and evaluation of grants, and for a method to augment in-house evaluation resources to the District.

A meeting of the Selection Committee to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request For Proposals was held on June 5, 2009. Fifteen proposals were presented for consideration: Center for Applied Linguistics; Center for Evaluation & Education Policy (The Trustees of Indiana University); Data Driven Decisions, Inc.; Educational Policy Institute; Laura Ferrer-Wreder; Leonard Fontana, Hezel Associates, LLC; William Marshal Kurtines; MGT of America, Inc.; Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.; Research Works, Inc.; Miao-Fen Tseng; The EdDesigns Group, Inc.; University of Miami Education Evaluation Team; and Westat, Inc.

After significant discussion, the committee recommended that all proposals presented be accepted to develop a pool of consultants. As specific evaluation projects arise, consultants identified as having specific expertise will be contacted, to determine their interest in conducting the evaluation. If interested, the consultant will submit a proposal for an evaluation plan for review by the Office of Program Evaluation staff and program stakeholders.

In the event that a contractual agreement between the consultant and the Board is deemed necessary for a specific project, staff will negotiate the terms, conditions, cost, etc., as determined to be in the best interest of the District, which will be reviewed by the Board Attorney for legal sufficiency and content.

Fund Source  
0420 - Grants

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **APPROVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 090-JJ10 – PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTANT SERVICES**, to develop a pool of pre-qualified consultants, to conduct required needs assessments, develop evaluation plans and research design, collect and analyze data, interpret results, and prepare recommendations and reports, on an as-needed basis, for the Office of Program Evaluation, effective July 15, 2009, through July 14, 2010, as follows:

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