

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND LEVY LEARNING CENTER, INC., PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 111-JJ10 – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA) PRIVATE SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND STUDENT SERVICES

Request For Proposals No. 111-JJ10 – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (IDEA) PRIVATE SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES, is to provide instructional support services in the form of tutoring in the areas of reading, writing, and/or mathematics, to eligible students with disabilities (SWD) in grades K-12 enrolled in selected not-for-profit private schools, for the Division of Special Education. This is a term proposal. Nine (9) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004 requires that the Local Education Agency (LEA) calculate and expend a proportionate share of funds provided under the IDEA, to parentally-placed eligible students with disabilities (SWD) in private schools. These funds are used to provide services and materials as identified through the process of meaningful consultation between representatives of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Division of Special Education and representatives of the participating private schools. Meaningful consultation was conducted during the 2008-2009 school year, in preparation for services to be delivered during the 2009-2010 school year. It was mutually determined that instructional support services in the form of tutoring would be provided to SWD at selected private schools through a third party contractor.

Eligibility for funding under IDEA Private School Obligations is based on the number of eligible students with disabilities (SWD) at the private schools between October 1, and December 1, of the previous year. As a result of that data, approximately 250 SWD in 19 private schools are eligible for services. Services will be provided from October 2009, through June 2010.

A meeting of the Selection Committee was held on September 9, 2009 to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request For Proposals. Nine proposals were presented for consideration: Catapult Learning, LLC; Champion Learning, Inc.; Florida Educational Leadership Council, Inc.; JFK Tutoring Services, Inc., Learn It Systems; Levy Learning Center, Inc.; One on One Learning Corp.; Non-Public Educational Services, Inc.; and The Bee Academy. After considerable deliberation, the Committee recommended Levy Learning Center, Inc. for award.

The initial cost for the services was \$2,000 per student. Upon further negotiations by Procurement Management, Levy Learning Center, Inc. has reduced its price to \$1,950 per student, which results in an annual savings of \$12,500.

Fund Source

IDEA PRIVATE SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual services agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Levy Learning Center, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 111-JJ10 – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA) PRIVATE SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES, to provide instructional support services in the form of tutoring in the areas of reading, writing, and/or mathematics, to eligible students with disabilities (SWD) in grades K-12 enrolled in selected not-for-profit private schools, for the Division of Special Education, effective October 14, 2009, through October 13, 2010, as follows:

1. LEVY LEARNING CENTER, INC.
6799 COLLINS AVENUE, SUITE S-204
MIAMI BEACH, FL 33141
DEBORAH LEVY, DIRECTOR

Highest Rated Proposal

Instructional Support Services @ \$1,950 per student.

2. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the budgeted amount of \$530,000.

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