

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF LIST OF PREQUALIFIED CONSULTANTS,
PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 026-MM10 –
PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTANT SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Request For Proposals No. 026-MM10 – PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTANT SERVICES, is to develop a list of prequalified consultants, to conduct needs assessments, develop evaluation plans and research designs, collect and analyze data, interpret results, and prepare recommendations and reports, on an as-needed basis, for the Office of Program Evaluation. This contract provides for the required identification of external evaluators, for submission and evaluation of grants, and for a method to augment in-house evaluation resources to the District.

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. Twenty-nine (29) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation. The term of the contract shall be for an initial three-year period, and may, by mutual agreement between the School Board and the awardee(s), be extended for three (3) additional one-year periods and, if needed, 90 days beyond the expiration date of the current contract period.

A meeting of the Selection Committee to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request For Proposals was held on June 5, 2012. Twenty-nine (29) proposals were presented for consideration: Adela Beckerman; Advanced Research Consulting, LLC; American Institutes for Research; Adelaide Services, Inc., d.b.a. Arroyo Research Services; Behavioral Science Research Institute; Billie F. Birnie; Biscayne Research Group, Inc.; Center for Evaluation & Education Policy (The Trustees of Indiana University); Edvantia, Inc.; Escoffery Consulting Collaborative, Inc.; Evergreen Solutions, LLC; Hezel Associates, LLC; ICF Incorporated, LLC; Infinite Personal Possibilities; Justice Research Center, Inc.; Leonard Fontana; Meaker and Associates; Metis Associates, Inc.; MGT of America, Inc.; Q-Q Research Consultants, LLC; Rain and Brehm Consulting Group, Inc.; Research Works, Inc.; RMC Research Corporation; The Reliability Group; The Thurston Group, Inc.; University of Miami Education Evaluation Team; University of South Florida Board of Trustees; Westat, Inc.; and WestEd.

After significant discussion, the Committee recommended that all proposals presented be accepted to develop a list of preapproved evaluation consultants, with the exception of two proposals. 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. 026-MM10 – PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTANT SERVICES, to develop a list of prequalified consultants (List), to conduct needs assessments, develop evaluation plans and research designs, collect and analyze data, interpret results, and prepare recommendations and reports, on an as-needed basis, for the Office of Program Evaluation. The List shall be effective from July 18, 2012, through July 17, 2015, including extensions thereto, as follows:

1. ADELA BECKERMAN
4613 NORTH UNIVERSITY DRIVE, UNIT 429
CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33067
ADELA BECKERMAN, CONSULTANT
2. ADELAIDE SERVICES, INC.
D.B.A. ARROYO RESEARCH SERVICES
639 PENNSYLVANIA ROAD
ARDEN, NC 28704
MICHELLE VRUWINK, PRESIDENT
3. ADVANCED RESEARCH CONSULTING, LLC
1580 SWEETBAY WAY
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33019
DR. JEROME LEVITT, MANAGING DIRECTOR
4. AMERICAN INSTITUTES FOR RESEARCH
1000 THOMAS JEFFERSON STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20007
NILVA DA SILVA, CONTRACTS OFFICER
5. BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE
2121 PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, SUITE 250
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
ROBERT A. LADNER, PH.D., PRESIDENT
6. BILLIE F. BIRNIE
33 WAGON ROAD
ALPINE, TX 79830
DR. BILLIE F. BIRNIE, CONSULTANT
7. BISCAYNE RESEARCH GROUP, INC.
1460 OCEAN DRIVE, #306
MIAMI BEACH, FL 33139
WILLIAM F. YOUNKIN, PRESIDENT
8. CENTER FOR EVALUATION & EDUCATION POLICY
(TRUSTEES OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY)
509 E. THIRD STREET
BLOOMFIELD, IN 47401
STEVEN A. MARTIN, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF
RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

9. EDVANTIA, INC.
500 VIRGINIA STREET EAST, SUITE 500
CHARLESTON, WV 25301
DORIS REDFIELD, PH.D., PRESIDENT & C.E.O.
10. ESCOFFERY CONSULTING COLLABORATIVE, INC.
7310 S.W. 96 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33156
LORNA ESCOFFERY, PRESIDENT
11. EVERGREEN SOLUTIONS, LLC
2852 REMINGTON GREEN CIRCLE, SUITE 101
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308
DR. LINDA RECIO, PRESIDENT
12. HEZEL ASSOCIATES, LLC
731 JAMES STREET
SYRACUSE, NY 13203
RICHARD T. HEZEL, PH.D., PRESIDENT
13. ICF INCORPORATED, LLC
9300 LEE HIGHWAY
FAIRFAX, VA 22031
F. MICHAEL GRAY, VICE PRESIDENT, CONTRACTS
14. JUSTICE RESEARCH CENTER, INC.
2898 MAHAN DRIVE, SUITE 4
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308
JULIA L. BLANKENSHIP, MSW, PRESIDENT
15. LEONARD FONTANA
4613 NORTH UNIVERSITY DRIVE, UNIT 429
CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33067
LEONARD FONTANA, EVALUATION CONSULTANT
16. METIS ASSOCIATES, INC.
120 WALL STREET, 21 FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10005
STANLEY J. SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT
17. MGT OF AMERICA, INC.
2123 CENTRE POINTE BOULEVARD
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308
J. MARK CHARLAND, C.E.O.

18. Q-Q RESEARCH CONSULTANTS, LLC
990 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, SUITE 503
MIAMI, FL 33132
CALONIE GRAY, PH.D., MANAGING MEMBER
19. RAIN AND BREHM CONSULTING GROUP, INC.
1802 S. FISKE BOULEVARD, SUITE 103
ROCKLEDGE, FL 32955
JEFFREY S. RAIN, PH.D., PRESIDENT
20. RESEARCH WORKS, INC.
243 MAIN STREET, SUITE 250
NEW PALTZ, NY 12561
DR. KATHLEEN TOMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
21. RMC RESEARCH CORPORATION
3550 BUSCHWOOD PARK DRIVE, SUITE 130
TAMPA, FL 33618
EVERETT BARNES, JR., PRESIDENT
22. THE RELIABILITY GROUP
2421 NORTHEAST 33 STREET
LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FL 33064
HANK SARKIS, CONSULTANT
23. THE THURSTON GROUP, INC.
3841 N.E. 2 AVENUE, SUITE 305
MIAMI, FL 33137
MAXINE THURSTON-FISCHER, PH.D.
PRESIDENT/C.E.O.
24. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI EDUCATION EVALUATION TEAM
1507 LEVANTE AVENUE, SUITE 207
CORAL GABLES, FL 33146
DR. ANN G. BESSELL
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
25. UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF
TRUSTEES, A PUBLIC BODY CORPORATE
3650 SPECTRUM BOULEVARD, SUITE 160
TAMPA, FL 33612-9446
REBECCA PUIG, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF SPONSORED RESEARCH

M/WBE

26. WESTAT, INC.
1600 RESEARCH BOULEVARD
ROCKVILLE, MD 20850-3129
PETER R. GILL, VICE PRESIDENT

27. WESTED
730 HARRISON STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94107-1242
MICHAEL J. NEUENFELDT
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & CONTRACTS

28. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the estimated amount of \$1,600,000, for the initial contract period, and an amount not to exceed \$533,000, for each subsequent extension period. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

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