

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 MGT OF AMERICA, INC., PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 017-NN10 – CONSULTING SERVICES TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE DISPARITY STUDY FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

Request For Proposals No. 017-NN10 – CONSULTING SERVICES TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE DISPARITY STUDY FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, is to engage a qualified firm to conduct a comprehensive disparity study for The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, of its procurement practices, through statistical analyses of contracting expenditures (construction, professional services and goods and services) and evaluation of economic and sociological studies of the marketplace applicable to Miami-Dade County, Florida, to determine whether a disparity exists in the award of procurement contracts to minority and women-owned business enterprises.

Four (4) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation. The term of the proposal shall be for a period of five years, from date of award by the Board, and may be extended for an additional two-year period, in the event the Board should require additional services.

The Evaluation Committee met on November 5, 2012, to review and evaluate the following proposals received in response to the advertised solicitation: Consortium of Worthy Consultants, Inc.; Mason Tillman Associates, Ltd.; MGT of America, Inc.; and NERA Economic Consulting. After considerable discussion and ranking, the Committee recommended that three firms be invited to oral presentations, which were held on November 8, 2012, with Mason Tillman Associates, Ltd; MGT of America, Inc.; and NERA Economic Consulting. Upon conclusion of the oral presentations, the Committee recommended MGT of America, Inc., based on qualifications, experience, implementation strategy, and methodology.

The disparity study will be conducted in two phases, with the first phase focusing on construction, architectural and professional services, and upon conclusion, the second phase of the project will focus on procurement goods and services commodities.

The cost for both phases of the disparity study will not exceed the total amount of \$446,640. Funds for Phase I of the project are allocated in the current budget and funding for Phase II will be allocated in the next fiscal year budget.

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 MGT of America, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 017-NN10 – CONSULTING SERVICES TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE DISPARITY STUDY FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, to conduct a comprehensive disparity study for The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, of its procurement practices, through statistical analyses of contracting expenditures (construction, professional services and goods and services) and evaluation of economic and sociological studies of the marketplace applicable to Miami-Dade County, Florida, to determine whether a disparity exists in the award of procurement contracts to minority and women-owned business enterprises, effective November 21, 2012, through November 20, 2017, as follows:

1. MGT OF AMERICA, INC.
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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32308
FRED SEAMON, PH.D, SENIOR PARTNER

2. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the not-to-exceed amount of \$446,640 for the initial contract term, and each subsequent extension period, if exercised. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

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