

Financial Services  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND EBS (EDUCATIONAL BASED SERVICES), AND SPEECH REHAB SERVICES, LLC, PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 060-NN10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES/SPEECH LANGUAGE EVALUATIONS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Request For Proposals No. 060-NN10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES/SPEECH LANGUAGE EVALUATIONS, is to provide speech and language pathology evaluations to referred students and/or speech and language pathology services, for the education of students, for whom such services have been identified as necessary to access education, for the Division of Special Education Services. This is a term proposal. Thirteen (13) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

Services may include response to intervention, articulation therapy, language therapy, fluency therapy and voice therapy, in addition to screenings, diagnostics and completion of all required forms, to assist in determining and documenting program services. Students may be in regular programs or in SPED programs (e.g., autistic spectrum disorder, learning disabled, physically impaired, intellectually disabled).

The term of the contract shall be for an initial period from October 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015. The contract may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the awardees, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods and, if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current contract.

A meeting of the Evaluation Committee to review the proposals was held on July 25, 2013. Thirteen (13) proposals were presented for consideration: Accountable Healthcare Staffing, Inc.; Ardor Health Solutions; Audrey B. Greenwald d.b.a. Boca Speech Center; Cobb Pediatric Therapy Services; EBS - Educational Based Services; Impact Kids, Inc.; Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc.; Jackson Therapy Partners, LLC; NTS Staffing; Progressus Therapy, LLC; Soliant Health, Inc.; Speech Rehab Services, LLC; and TinyEye Therapy Services. After considerable discussion, the Committee recommended that two (2) proposers be considered for award: EBS (Educational Based Services) and Speech Rehab Services, LLC.

The speech and language pathology service agencies that are listed in this item will be contacted to provide speech and language pathologists, who are licensed in the State of Florida, to provide the required services.

Fund Source

0420 – Contracted Programs

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into contractual services agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and EBS (Educational Based Services) and Speech Rehab Services, LLC, pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 060-NN10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES/SPEECH LANGUAGE EVALUATIONS, to provide speech and language evaluations to referred students and/or speech and language pathology services, for the education of students, for whom such services have been identified as necessary to access education, for the Division of Special Education Services, effective October 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015, including extensions thereto, as follows:

1. EBS – (EDUCATIONAL BASED SERVICES)  
HEALTHCARE, INC.  
200 SKILES BOULEVARD  
WESTCHESTER, PA 19382  
JOHN A. GUMPERT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$58 per hour.  
Speech and Language Evaluations @ \$120 per evaluation.

2. SPEECH REHAB SERVICES, LLC  
950 PENINSULA CORPORATE CIRCLE, SUITE 1014  
BOCA RATON, FL 33487  
JANET L. SANDLER, M.A. CCC-SLP, PRESIDENT

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ \$59.50 per hour.

Speech and Language Evaluations @ \$120 per evaluation.

3. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the estimated amount of \$6,000,000, for the initial contract term, and an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, for each additional one (1) year extension period. Board approval of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

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**SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 060-NN10  
SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES**

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