

Financial Services
Mrs. Judith M. Marte, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: AWARD ITB NO. ITB-15-011-MT – STUDENT TRAVEL SERVICES

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

Procurement Management Services, at the request of The Office of School Operations, released the above-referenced solicitation. The purpose of this Invitation to Bid is seeking preapproved vendors to provide student travel services, specifically in and out of the State of Florida, for The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be needed, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount.

Additionally, this Invitation to Bid was advertised on the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Procurement website, the DemandStar website, Bid Net, Florida Bid, the Miami Times and El Diario Las Americas newspapers, and emailed to 48 potential bidders. The District received sixteen proposals in response to the Bid.

The initial term of the bid shall be for a three (3) year period, commencing November 18, 2015 through November 17, 2018, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

Based on the criteria listed in the solicitation, sixteen (16) vendors are being recommended for award. Of these sixteen (16) vendors, (3) vendors are SBE/MBE certified.

Fund Source
Various

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AWARD** RFP No. ITB-15-011-MT STUDENT TRAVEL SERVICES, to select preapproved vendors to provide student travel services, specifically in and out of the State of Florida, for The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with an effective date of November 18, 2015 through November 17, 2018, including extensions thereto, as follows:

1. BLACK HISTORY TOURS.COM, INC.
16850 COLLINS AVENUE #478
SUNNY ISLES BEACH, FL 33160
OWNER: ERIC ALBOHER, PRESIDENT

2. BUSINESS TRAVEL ADVISORS
8095 NW 12TH STREET, SUITE 316
DORAL, FL 33126
OWNER: YAMILLE BARRERA, VICE PRESIDENT
MBE
Hispanic-American

3. DESTINATION SERVICES UNLIMITED, INC.
3850 S. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, #291378
DAVIE, FL 33329
OWNER: CONNIE MARCUS, PRESIDENT

4. EXPLORE WITH EXCELLENCE, INC.
1010 SW 46TH AVENUE, SUITE 112
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33069
OWNER: JAMES THOMPSON, PRESIDENT/CEO

5. FEAT TRAVEL, INC.
2900 NW 105TH LANE
SUNRISE, FL 33322
OWNER: CHAD MURRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

6. FLAMINGO EDUCATIONAL TOURS OF FLORIDA, INC.
10049 NW 1ST COURT
PLANTATION, FL 33324
OWNER: JANEY L. HOCKENHULL, PRESIDENT

7. FLORIDA SAFARI ADVENTURES, INC. DBA BUILD-A-FIELD TRIP
3440 NE 12TH AVENUE
OAKLAND PARK, FL 33334
OWNER: GABRIELLE BOLL, PRESIDENT

8. KING'S COLLEGE TOURS, INC.
13320 NW 18TH COURT
MIAMI, FL 33167
OWNER: ANTONIO KING, PRESIDENT/CEO
MBE
African-American
9. LAKELAND TOURS, LLC DBA WORLDSTRIDES
218 WEST WATER STREET, SUITE 400
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22902
OWNER: CHRISTI CAREL, RISK MANAGER
10. MY PERSONAL ASSISTANT, DBA EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS (EFT)
7241 SW 168TH STREET SUITE D
PALMETTO BAY, FL 33157
OWNER: PATRICIA MUNOZ-CHIONG, PRESIDENT
SBE1
Hispanic-American
11. PROFESSIONAL VACATIONS, INC. DBA LEARNING BY TRAVEL
1171 SE 10TH AVENUE
HIALEAH, FL 33010
OWNER: GUNTHER MEYER, PRESIDENT
12. SCHOLASTIC JOURNEYS
11482 SW 109TH RD., UNIT D
MIAMI, FL 33176
OWNER: BRENDA STEELE, PRESIDENT
13. SHORESIDE CONNECTIONS, INC.
1565 WEEPING WILLOW WAY
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33019
OWNER: ADELE L. ZUM, PRESIDENT/CEO
14. SONSHINE EDUCATIONAL TOURS, INC.
5401 N. UNIVERSITY DR. #201
CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33067
OWNER: KARIN HOFFMAN, VICE PRESIDENT
15. SPECTRUM TOURS, INC.
4808 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD.
TAMARAC, FL 33319
OWNER: GLEN MASCIARELLI, VICE PRESIDENT

16. VAGABOND TOURS, INC. DBA EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL
ADVENTURES.COM
4400 ROUTE 9 SOUTH, SUITE 1000
FREEHOLD, NJ 07728
OWNER: MICHAEL HOLZER, GENERAL
MANAGER/PRESIDENT

Authorize Procurement Management Services to obtain Request for Quotes from the awarded preapproved vendors for the initial term of three (3) years, which may be extended for an additional two (2) one year periods. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be needed, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount and/or utilize any specific vendor(s).

In accordance, with the conditions of the ITB, in the event of default by any vendor, which may include, but is not limited to non-performance and/or poor performance, the District may exercise its right to terminate the award and to hold the vendor ineligible to transact business with the Board as provided by the ITB and Board policy.

MBE-Micro Business Enterprise
SBE1-Small Business Enterprise Tier1

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