

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

**SUBJECT: AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. RFP-15-020-YWP,
EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIOEMOTIONAL SERVICES FOR AT-
RISK STUDENTS**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES**

Procurement Management Services, at the request of School Operations, Division of Educational Opportunity and Access, released the above-referenced solicitation. The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to provide educational and socioemotional services to at-risk students for grades 3-12 within Miami-Dade County, Florida. This program will serve an at-risk-student population in high-need areas.

This RFP was advertised on the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Procurement Management Services' website, the Demandstar website; *The Miami Times*, and *Diario Las Americas* newspapers; Bid Net and Florida Bid websites; as well as emailed to 300 potential registered bidders. As a result of the solicitation, the District received interest and inquiries from several local and out-of-state firms. On January 20th, 2016, the District held a pre-proposal conference, whereby seven (7) local vendors attended and expressed great interest in the RFP, but did not submit a proposal.

The initial term of the RFP shall be for two (2) years, commencing April 13, 2016, through April 12, 2018, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidder, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, and if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current contract period.

Strategies were employed to increase SBE/MBE participation, however, during the Goal Setting Committee meeting the recommendation for this solicitation was to be open, not sheltered, as a large number of SBE/MBE vendors were not identified within the commodity code(s).

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A meeting of the Selection Committee was held on January 28, 2016, to evaluate the one (1) proposal that was received from Specialized Education Services, Inc. After considerable discussion, verification of references, request and submission of the best and final offer, and based on scoring criteria; the Committee recommended that Specialized Education Services, Inc. be awarded. The awarded vendor is new to the District.

The contracted amounts to be awarded will be based on the 2015-2016 revenue, per FTE allocation. These figures are subject to change, if state revenues are prorated, and contracts will be adjusted accordingly, if necessary. The District funds the contracts at 95% of the basic FTE, based on actual student attendance.

Fund Source
100 – General

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. award Request For Proposal No. RFP-15-020-YWP, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIOEMOTIONAL SERVICES TO AT-RISK STUDENTS, to provide educational and socioemotional services to at-risk students for grades 3-12 within the Miami-Dade County, Florida, effective April 13, 2016, through April 12, 2018, and may, by mutual agreement between the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful proposer, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods, and if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current contract period thereto, as follows:

SPECIALIZED EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.
2 AQUARIUM DRIVE, SUITE 100
CAMDEN, NJ 08103
OWNER: ANDREA VARGAS, PRESIDENT
SCHOOLS DIVISION

2. authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$840,000 for the initial contract term, and not to exceed \$420,000 for each subsequent one (1) year extension period.

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