

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

**E-143**

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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