Office of Superintendent of Schools Board Meeting of March 13, 2024

Financial Services Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. RFP-22-030-VF - OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

Procurement Management Services, at the request of the Office of the General Counsel, released the above-referenced solicitation. The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to retain attorneys/law firms whose attorneys are licensed to practice in the State of Florida, unless not required to render the requested legal services, to provide legal services from time to time to the Board in the area of Workers' Compensation law. This RFP was advertised on the Procurement Management Services website and DemandStar. This contract impacts all District employees. The solicitation was shared with the District's Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) for additional community outreach.

The initial term of the bid shall be for a three (3) year period, commencing upon contract execution, 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, and if needed, an additional ninety (90) days beyond the expiration of the renewal period.

Pursuant to School Board Policy 6320.02, the Goal Setting Committee recommended that this solicitation be open, with no goals assigned.

Eight (8) vendors responded to this advertised bid. M-DCPS OEO staff verified the Small, Micro, Veteran and/or M/WBE certification status of the firm(s). Based on the criteria listed in the solicitation and the Selection Committee's consensus recommendation, eight (8) vendors are being recommended for award, of which three (3) are certified.

Fund Source Risk Management Self Insurance Program

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

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MAXIMUM APPROVED RATES FOR SERVICES:

- PARTNER SERVICES
 @ \$150 PER HOUR
- PARALEGAL SERVICES
 @ \$90 PER HOUR
 - A. ANGONES, MCCLURE AND GARCIA, P.A. 44 WEST FLAGLER STREET, 10TH FLOOR MIAMI, FL 33130 OFFICER: JOHN MCCLURE
 - B. EDUARDO E. NERET, P.A. MWBE 3350 VIRGINIA STREET, 2ND FLOOR COCONUT GROVE, FL 33133 OFFICER: EDUARDO E. NERET HISPANIC AMERICAN
 - C. FRANCISCO BLANCO, P.L. 2655 S. LEJEUNE ROAD CORAL GABLES, FL 33134 OFFICER: ALEXANDER BLANCO
 - D. ISABEL S. MARTINEZ, P.L. MBE/MWBE 7700 N. KENDALL DRIVE, SUITE 401 MIAMI, FL 33156 OFFICER: ISABEL S. MARTINEZ HISPANIC AMERICAN
 - E. JONES, HURLEY & HAND, P.A. 1057 MAITLAND CENTER COMMONS BLVD. MAITLAND, FL 32751 OFFICER: ROBERT C. HAND

- F. KELLEY KRONENBERG, P.A. 10360 WEST STATE ROAD 84 DAVIE, FL 33324 OFFICER: MICHAEL J. FICHTEL
- G. MARTINEZ ROMAN, P.A. SBE/MWBE 8005 NW 155TH STREET, SUITE A MIAMI LAKES, FL 33016 OFFICER: CARLOS M. MARTINEZ, JR. HISPANIC AMERICAN
- H. MKRS LAW, P.L. 100 ALMERIA AVENUE, SUITE 320 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134 OFFICER: ROBERT J. RODRIGUEZ
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Superintendent to negotiate, finalize and execute contracts with the agencies listed above for services to be performed pursuant to RFP-22-030-VF Outside Counsel For Workers' Compensation.