

Business Operations  
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF POOL OF PRE-QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS,  
PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 090-HH10 -  
PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTANT SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND STUDENT SERVICES**

Request For Proposals No. 090-HH10 – PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTANT SERVICES, is to develop a pool of pre-qualified consultants, to conduct needs assessments, develop evaluation plans and research design, collect and analyze data, interpret results, and prepare recommendations and reports, on an as-needed basis, for the Office of Program Evaluation. The external program evaluation services to be provided to the District under this contract will be funded through grant funds, as identified and required through the granting agency. This is a term proposal. Twenty-three (23) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

This contract provides for the required identification of external evaluators, for submission and evaluation of grants, and for a method to augment in-house evaluation resources to the District. A meeting of the selection committee to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request For Proposals was held on July 30, 2008. Twenty-three (23) proposals were presented for consideration: Adela Beckerman; Agnes E. Shine; American Institute for Research; Dr. Barry Greenberg; Dr. Billy F. Birnie; Biscayne Research Group, Inc.; Counseling and Educational Consulting, Inc., d.b.a. Research & Evaluation Network.; Escoffery Consulting Collaborative, Inc.; Educational Research Services, Inc.; Edvantia, Inc.; Empirical Education, Inc.; Evergreen Educational Consulting, LLC; Evergreen Solutions; The Findings Group; Florida State University; Gibson Consulting Group; Hank Sarkis; Hezel Associates, LLC; Justice Research Center; Laura Ferrer-Wreder; Learning Point Associates; Progress Education Corporation; and WestEd.

After significant discussion, the committee recommended that all proposals presented be accepted, to develop a pool of consultants. As specific evaluation projects arise, consultants identified as having specific expertise will be contacted, to determine their interest in conducting the evaluation. If interested, the consultant will submit a proposal for an evaluation plan for review by the Office of Program Evaluation staff and program stakeholders.

In the event that a contractual agreement between the consultant and the Board is deemed necessary for a specific project, staff will negotiate the terms, conditions, cost, etc., as determined to be in the best interest of the District, which will be reviewed by the Board Attorney for legal sufficiency and content.

Fund Source

0420 – Contracted Programs Fund

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **APPROVE** REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 090-HH10 – PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSULTANT SERVICES, to develop a pool of pre-qualified consultants, to conduct needs assessments, develop evaluation plans and research design, collect and analyze data, interpret results, and prepare recommendations and reports, on an as-needed basis, for the Office of Program Evaluation, effective September 10, 2008, through September 9, 2011, as follows:

1. ADELA BECKERMAN  
3203 DOW STREET  
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33062  
OWNER: ADELA BECKERMAN, CONSULTANT
2. AGNES E. SHINE  
2751 S. OCEAN DRIVE, APT. 1406N  
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33019  
OWNER: AGNES SHINE
3. AMERICAN INSTITUTES FOR RESEARCH  
1000 THOMAS JEFFERSON STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20007-3835  
OWNER: MARK KUTNER, VICE PRESIDENT
4. BARRY GREENBERG  
8645 S.W. 79 PLACE  
MIAMI, FL 33143  
OWNER: BARRY GREENBERG, PRESIDENT

5. BILLY F. BIRNIE  
33 WAGON ROAD  
ALPINE, TX 79831  
OWNER: DR. BILLY F. BIRNIE, CONSULTANT
6. BISCAYNE RESEARCH GROUP, INC.  
1460 OCEAN DRIVE, SUITE 306  
MIAMI BEACH, FL 33139  
OWNER: W.F. YOUNKIN, PRESIDENT
7. COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING, INC.  
D.B.A. RESEARCH AND EVALUATION NETWORK  
595 N.E. 92 STREET  
MIAMI SHORES, FL 33138  
OWNER: JAMES PANN, PH.D., CO-DIRECTOR
8. ESCOFFERY CONSULTING COLLABORATIVE  
7310 S.W. 96 STREET  
MIAMI, FL 33156  
OWNER: LORNA ESCOFFERY, PRESIDENT
9. EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICES, INC.  
601 N.E. 36 STREET, SUITE 709  
MIAMI, FL 33137  
OWNER: MARJORIE MONTAGUE, PH.D., PRESIDENT
10. EDVANTIA, INC.  
1031 QUARRIER STREET  
CHARLESTON, WV 25325  
OWNER: DORIS REDFIELD, PRESIDENT/C.E.O.
11. EMPIRICAL EDUCATION, INC.  
425 SHERMAN AVENUE, SUITE 210  
PALO ALTO, CA 94306  
OWNER: DENIS B. NEWMAN, PRESIDENT
12. EVERGREEN EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING, LLC  
16 BRADLEY BOW ROAD  
JERICHO, VT 05465  
OWNER: PATRICIA H. MUELLER, PRESIDENT

13. EVERGREEN SOLUTIONS, LLC  
2852 REMINGTON GREEN CIRCLE, SUITE 101  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308  
OWNER: DR. LINDA RECIO, PRESIDENT
14. THE FINDINGS GROUP  
1031 N. HILLS DRIVE  
DECATUR, GA 30033  
OWNER: THOMAS MCKLIN, PH.D., PRESIDENT
15. FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SPONSORED RESEARCH SERVICES  
874 TRADITIONS WAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306-4166  
OWNER: KIRBY W. KEMPER  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH
16. GIBSON CONSULTING GROUP  
901 SOUTH MOPAC EXPRESSWAY  
BUILDING ONE, SUITE 415  
AUSTIN, TX 78746  
OWNER: GREG GIBSON, PRESIDENT
17. HANK SARKIS  
2421 N.E. 33 STREET  
LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FL 33064  
OWNER: HANK SARKIS, CONSULTANT
18. HEZEL ASSOCIATES, LLC  
731 JAMES STREET  
SYRACUSE, NY 13203  
OWNER: DR. RICHARD T. HEZEL, PRESIDENT/C.E.O.
19. JUSTICE RESEARCH CENTER, INC.  
2898 MAHAN DRIVE, SUITE 4  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308  
OWNER: JULIA L. BLANKENSHIP, PRESIDENT
20. LAURA FERRER-WREDER  
9021 S.W. 142 AVENUE, SUITE 1611  
MIAMI, FL 33186  
OWNER: LAURA FERRER-WREDER  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

21. LEARNING POINT ASSOCIATES  
1120 EAST DIEHL ROAD, SUITE 200  
NAPERVILLE, IL 60563-1486  
OWNER: ROBERT DAVIS, C.E.O.
22. PROGRESS EDUCATION CORPORATION  
110 BISHOP QUARTER LANE  
OAK PARK, IL 60302  
OWNER: TOM JANDRIS, C.E.O.
23. WESTED  
730 HARRISON STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94107  
OWNER: PAUL MARTINEZ  
CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATOR
24. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase  
up to the estimated amount of \$1,000,000.

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