Office of Superintendent of Schools May 27, 2009
Board Meeting of June 17, 2009

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ABC SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY, INC.; COBB PEDIATRIC SPEECH SERVICES, INC., D.B.A. COBB PEDIATRIC THERAPY SERVICES; COMMUNITY REHAB ASSOCIATES, INC.; EBS (EDUCATIONAL BASED SERVICES); INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATION LLC; AND PROGRESSUS THERAPY LLC, PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 057-JJ10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES**

COMMITTEE: **INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

Request For Proposals No. 057-JJ10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, is to provide speech and language pathology services, needed as related support services, for the Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach and Psychological Services. This is a term proposal. Twenty (20) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

Services may include articulation therapy, language therapy, and voice therapy, in addition to screenings and diagnostics. Students may be in regular programs or in ESE programs (e.g., autistic, learning disabled, physically impaired, educable or trainable mentally handicapped).

A meeting of the Evaluation Committee to review the proposals was held on April 27, 2009. Twenty (20) proposals were presented for consideration: ABC Speech and Language Therapy, Inc.; All Source Recruiting Group, d.b.a. Arador Health Solutions; Audrey B. Greenwald, MS, CCC-PA; Cambridge Healthcare; Cobb Pediatric Speech Services, Inc., d.b.a. Cobb Pediatric Therapy Services; Community Rehab Associates, Inc.; CompHealth Medical Staffing; Cross Country Staffing;

Dependable Therapy, Inc.; EBS (Educational Based Services); Hearing & Speech Center of Florida, Inc.; Interactive Communication LLC; Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc.; Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, Inc.; MDI Medical, LLC; Mediscan Staffing Services; Progressus Therapy, Inc.; Speech Pathology and Educational Center, Inc.; Sunbelt Staffing Solutions, Inc.; and Supplemental Health Care. After considerable discussion, the Committee recommended that six (6) proposers be recommended for award.

The speech and language pathology service agencies that are listed in this item with out-of-state addresses are national agencies that provide staff for a number of health-related fields in different states. These agencies will contract with independent pathologists, who are licensed in the State of Florida, to provide these services, upon request. There is a critical shortage of speech pathologists; however, every attempt will be made to utilize the agencies offering the lowest hourly rates, to the extent possible, based upon the availability of pathologists.

Fund Source
0420 – Contracted Programs

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into contractual services agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and ABC Speech & Language Therapy, Inc.; Cobb Pediatric Speech Services, Inc., d.b.a. Cobb Pediatric Therapy Services; Community Rehab Associates, Inc.; EBS (Educational Based Services); Interactive Communication LLC; and Progressus Therapy LLC, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 057-JJ10 – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES, to provide speech and language pathology services, needed as related support services, for the Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach and Psychological Services, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, as follows:

1. COBB PEDIATRIC SPEECH SERVICES, INC.
   D.B.A. COBB PEDIATRIC THERAPY SERVICES
   3104 CREEKSIDE VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 404
   KENNESAW, GA 30144
   MARK NORRIS, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

   Speech and Language Pathology Services @ $59.75 per hour.

2. COMMUNITY REHAB ASSOCIATES, INC.
3950 3RD STREET NORTH, SUITE D
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33703
SUMMER JOHNSON
DIRECTOR OF CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ $60 per hour.

3. INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATION LLC
4000 PRESIDENTIAL BLVD., SUITE 1202
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19131-1721
ERIC J. BANKS
VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ $60 per hour.

4. ABC SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY, INC.
5703 S.W. 87 AVENUE
COOPER CITY, FL 33328
SONDRA PIERCE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ $62 per hour.

5. EBS (EDUCATIONAL BASED SERVICES)
9 LACRUE STREET, SUITE 210
CONCORDVILLE, PA 19331-0911
JOHN A. GUMPERT
SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ $62 per hour.

6. PROGRESSUS THERAPY, LLC
2701 NORTH ROCKY POINT DRIVE, SUITE 650
TAMPA, FL 33607
LISA STACY, CAREER SERVICES DIRECTOR

Speech and Language Pathology Services @ $64 per hour.

7. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the not to exceed amount of $800,000.

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