

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 ABUNDANT LIVING CITI CHURCH, INC., D.B.A. CITI CHURCH; BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER MIAMI, INC.; BRANCHES, INC.; CONNECTFAMILIAS, INC.; ENFAMILIA, INC.; FANM AYISYEN MIYAMI (FAMN), INC.; LE JARDIN COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.; MEXICAN AMERICAN COUNCIL, INC.; MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED, INC.; OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER, INC.; THE CENTER FOR FAMILY AND CHILD ENRICHMENT, INC.; AND TOUCHING MIAMI WITH LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 023-PP10 – MILLION DOLLAR COMMUNITY LITERACY CHALLENGE – FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: IMPROVE AND EXPAND STUDENT SERVICES**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 023-PP10 – MILLION DOLLAR COMMUNITY LITERACY CHALLENGE – FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT, is to provide quality parent-support programs in Miami-Dade County, that address M-DCPS goals and objectives, to create better outcomes for the District's children and their families. The project will serve parents, guardians, and caregivers of children and youth, who live in the attendance boundaries of public schools implementing the Title I Schoolwide Program. Proposals will be funded to focus on one (1) or two (2) areas of project design and outcome: Parenting and/or School and Community Engagement. This is a term proposal. Thirty-one (31) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

The Family Empowerment Project will utilize best practices and family engagement strategies that have been proven to be effective in strengthening, empowering and developing families and communities. Projects will be designed to serve parents of young children and adolescents, and promote the use of a variety of public services (educational, health, mental health, social services, recreational, etc.) that support child and youth development. Where applicable, projects may include family literacy building, health and wellness, support for parents, guardians and caregivers of children with special needs, and understanding age-appropriate learning behaviors for children.

The term of the proposal shall be for one (1) year from the date of award and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the awardees, be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods and, if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current contract period.

The Evaluation Committee met to evaluate the proposals received on May 12, 2014. Thirty-one (31) proposals were presented for consideration: 93<sup>rd</sup> Street Community Development Corporation, Inc.; Abstinence Between Strong Teens Int'l, Inc.; Abundant Living Citi Church, Inc., d.b.a. City Church; AIMM Higher, Inc.; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami, Inc.; Branches, Inc.; Chapman Partnership; CMB Visions Unlimited, Inc.; Communities in Schools of Miami, Inc.; Concerned African Women, Inc.; ConnectFamilias, Inc.; Cool Kids Learn, Inc.; EnFamilia, Inc.; Family & Children Faith Coalition, Inc., d.b.a. Hope For Miami; Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc.; Florida Venture Foundation, Inc.; Gang Alternatives, Inc.; Le Jardin Community Center, Inc.; Mexican-American Council, Inc.; Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services, Inc.; Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.; Our Child Care, Inc., d.b.a. Our Little Ones Learning Center; Overtown Youth Center, Inc.; Pierre Toussaint Leadership & Learning Center, Inc.; Prosperity Social & Community Development Group, Inc.; Read2Succeed, Inc.; Sundari Foundation, Inc., d.b.a. Lotus House Women's Shelter; The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc.; The Hawn Foundation; Touching Miami with Love Ministries, Inc.; and Urgent, Inc. After considerable discussion and deliberation, the Committee unanimously recommended the twelve (12) proposers listed in the recommendation.

Fund Source  
Title I Part A

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 Abundant Living CITI Church, Inc., d.b.a. CITI Church; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami, Inc.; Branches, Inc.; ConnectFamílias, Inc.; EnFamilia, Inc.; Fanm Ayisyen Miyami (FANM), Inc.; Le Jardin Community Center, Inc.; Mexican American Council, Inc.; Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.; Overtown Youth Center, Inc.; The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc.; and Touching Miami with Love Ministries, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 023-PP10 – MILLION DOLLAR COMMUNITY LITERACY CHALLENGE – FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT, to provide quality parent-support programs in Miami-Dade County, that address M-DCPS goals and objectives, to create better outcomes for the District’s children and their families, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, including extensions thereto, as follows:

1. ABUNDANT LIVING CITI CHURCH, INC.  
D.B.A. CITI CHURCH  
3001 N.W. 22 AVENUE  
MIAMI, FL 33142  
DIANNA RIVERA, VICE PRESIDENT
2. BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER MIAMI, INC.  
701 S.W. 27 AVENUE, SUITE 800  
MIAMI, FL 33135  
LYDIA I. MUNIZ, PRESIDENT/C.E.O.
3. BRANCHES, INC.  
11500 N.W. 12 AVENUE  
MIAMI, FL 33168  
BRENT MCLAUGHLIN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT
4. CONNECTFAMILIAS, INC.  
1111 S.W. 8 STREET, SUITE 207  
MIAMI, FL 33130  
BEATRIZ ALONSO, PRESIDENT/C.E.O.
5. ENFAMILIA, INC.  
16090 S.W. 293 DRIVE  
HOMESTEAD, FL 33033  
CARLOS E. SALGADO, DIRECTOR

6. FANM AYISYEN NAN MIYAMI (FANM), INC.  
181 N.E. 82 STREET, SUITE 101  
MIAMI, FL 33138  
MARLEINE BASTIEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
7. LE JARDIN COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.  
177 WEST MOWRY DRIVE  
HOMESTEAD, FL 33030  
EDUARDO BERRONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
8. MEXICAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL, INC.  
151 N.W. 11 STREET, SUITE E400  
HOMESTEAD, FL 33030  
MARIA C. GARZA, PRESIDENT
9. MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY  
IMPAIRED, INC.  
601 S.W. 8 AVENUE  
MIAMI, FL 33130-3209  
VIRGINIA A. JACKO, PRESIDENT/C.E.O.
10. OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER, INC.  
450 N.W. 14 STREET  
MIAMI, FL 33136  
TINA BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
11. THE CENTER FOR FAMILY AND CHILD  
ENRICHMENT, INC.  
1825 N.W. 167 STREET, SUITE 102  
MIAMI GARDENS, FL 33056  
DELORES T. DUNN, C.E.O.
12. TOUCHING MIAMI WITH LOVE MINISTRIES, INC.  
711 N.W. 6 AVENUE  
MIAMI, FL 33136  
JASON B. PITTMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
13. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$600,000, for the initial contract term, and an amount not to exceed \$600,000, for each subsequent extension. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.