

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

**SUBJECT:                   AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP-17-017-CH –  
EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES FOR  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE:               FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT:               EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES**

Procurement Management Services, at the request of the Audit & Budget Advisory Committee (ABAC), released the above-referenced solicitation. The purpose of this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is to obtain external independent auditing services for the General Obligation Bond Services (GOB).

This RFP was advertised on the Procurement Management Services’ website, the Demandstar website, BidNet, Florida Bid, *South Florida Times* and the *Diario Las Americas* newspapers, as well as emailed to 74 potential bidders.

The initial term of the bid shall be for a one (1) year period, commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 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.

Strategies were employed to increase SBE/MBE (Small/Micro Business Enterprise) participation. The Goal Setting Committee recommended that this solicitation be open with a 5% SBE/MBE participation rate.

One (1) vendor responded to this solicitation, of which that one (1) vendor was recommended to be awarded.

Fund Source  
100000 - General

There is good cause to vary from the published agenda because the ABAC met to take action on this recommendation on May 8, 2018, which is after the agenda publication date. Further, the administration embraces the opportunity for examination of the GOB, as an opportunity to reinforce the findings of other entities, including the Office of Management and Compliance Audits and the Office of Inspector General, who have previously reviewed the program. Finally, as any endeavor can benefit from recommendations which may lead to enhanced efficiencies, time is of the essence in providing the ABAC’s recommendation to the Board for its consideration and action.

**Good Cause  
E-145**

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

1. **AWARD** Request for Proposal No. RFP-17-017-CH – External Independent Auditing Services for the General Obligation Bond Services is to obtain external independent auditing services for the General Obligation Bond Services, with an initial effective date of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidder, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows:

S. Davis & Associates, P.A.

**MBE/MWBE**

2521 Hollywood Boulevard

Hollywood, Florida 33020

Owner/Officer: Shaun Davis, Managing Partner

**AFRICAN AMERICAN**

SUB-CONTRACTOR:

Verdeja, De Armas & Trujillo, LLP

255 Alhambra Circle, Suite 560

Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Owner/Officer: Alejandro Trujillo, Partner

2. **AUTHORIZE** Procurement Management Services to award the contract up to the total estimated amount of \$200,000 for the contract term.