

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

**SUBJECT: AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO.
RFP-21-009-VF – ESSER NIST CYBERSECURITY
SERVICES**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL
PRACTICES**

Procurement Management Services, at the request of Information Technology Services, released the above-referenced solicitation. The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to establish a contract for cybersecurity services at Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This RFP was advertised on the Procurement Management Services website, as well as DemandStar. 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 one (1) 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.

The Goal Setting Committee recommended that this solicitation be open with a 10-point preference for M-DCPS certified African American prime firms or prime firms using a M-DCPS certified African American subcontractor, and a 3-point preference for African American prime firms certified by another government entity or prime firms using an African American subcontractor certified by another government entity.

Twenty-one (21) vendors responded to this advertised bid, of which five (5) were non-responsive. Based on the criteria listed in the solicitation and the Selection Committee's scoring, oral presentations, and a Q&A session, two (2) vendors are being recommended for award. In the event that the District and the highest ranked proposer are unable to reach mutual agreement, the Selection Committee voted to select and negotiate with the second highest ranked proposer.

M-DCPS OEO staff verified the Small, Micro, Veteran and/or M/WBE certification status of the firm(s).

Fund Source
ESSER
OTHER

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

1. **AWARD** REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. RFP-21-009 VF – ESSER NIST CYBERSECURITY SERVICES, to establish a contract for cybersecurity services at Miami-Dade County Public Schools, for a period of one (1) year, commencing upon contract execution, 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 and if needed, an additional ninety (90) days beyond the expiration of the renewal period, pending contract negotiations, as follows:

Highest Ranked Proposer

DIGITALERA GROUP, L.L.C. MWBE
4931 SW 75TH AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33155
OWNER/OFFICER: CLIFFORD J. DYER
HISPANIC AMERICAN

Second Highest Ranked Proposer

UNITED DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC. DBA UDT
2900 MONARCH LAKES BOULEVARD, SUITE 300
MIRAMAR, FL 33027
OWNER/OFFICER: ENRIQUE A. FLECHES

2. **AUTHORIZE** Procurement Management Services to purchase up to a total estimated amount of \$160,000, for the initial contract term of one (1) year, and an amount not to exceed \$160,000, for each subsequent one (1) year extension period(s). Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amounts shown will be expended.