Office of Superintendent of Schools August 23, 2023
Board Meeting of September 6, 2023

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

SUBJECT: **AWARD INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-22-035-MJ – TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS**

COMMITTEE: **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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

Procurement Management Services, at the request of the Department of Transportation, released the above-referenced solicitation. The purpose of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to establish a contract, at firm fixed pricing, for the transportation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students with special needs, the homeless, and foster care students. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase services, as may be needed, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. This ITB was advertised on the Procurement Management Services website and DemandStar. This contract impacts all District students on an as-needed basis. There are currently 3,500 students utilizing these services, which breaks down to an annualized spend of $634 per child. 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 period of two (2) years, commencing September 6, 2023 through September 5, 2025, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods.

Pursuant to School Board Policy 6320.02, the Goal Setting Committee recommended that this solicitation be open with a 5% preference for any African American or Non-Minority Woman owned certified firm.

Eleven (11) vendors responded to this advertised bid. M-DCPS OEO staff verified the Small, Micro, Veteran and/or M/WBE certification status of the firm(s). Based on the criteria listed in the solicitation, the contract will be awarded to two (2) vendors.

In Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the District spent $2,215,482 on transportation services for special needs students.

<u>Fund Source</u>
Various

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

1. **AWARD** INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-22-035-MJ – TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS, to establish a contract, at firm fixed pricing, for the transportation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students with special needs, the homeless, and foster care students, during the term of the bid, with an effective date of September 6, 2023 through September 5, 2025, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows:

   PRIMARY

   A. EVERDRIVEN TECHNOLOGIES, LLC
   5680 GREENWOOD PLAZA BOULEVARD, SUITE 550S
   GREENWOOD VILAGE, CO 80111
   OWNER/OFFICER: ALTERNATIVE LOGISTICS TECHNOLOGIES BUYER, LLC (DE)

   Item 1a – Base rate for one (1) child @ $70.00
   Item 1b – Rate for each additional child per vehicle @ $0.00
   Item 1c – Rate per mile @ $2.50
   Item 1d – Attendant/Aide on vehicle (non-medical) @ $25.00
   Item 1e – Vehicle equipped for wheelchair transport @ $55.00
   Item 1f – Fee for child safety seat or safety harness @ $5.00
   Item 1g – Administrative fee @ $0.00

   ALTERNATE

   B. RIDS BROTHER COMPANY INC
   12279 SAWGRASS PRAIRIE LOOP
   ORLANDO, FL 32824
   OWNER/OFFICER: BABITA SITAULA

   Item 1a – Base rate for one (1) child @ $40.00
   Item 1b – Rate for each additional child per vehicle @ $10.00
   Item 1c – Rate per mile @ $2.50
   Item 1d – Attendant/Aide on vehicle (non-medical) @ $40.00
   Item 1e – Vehicle equipped for wheelchair transport @ $60.00
   Item 1f – Fee for child safety seat or safety harness @ $2.50
   Item 1g – Administrative fee @ $25.00

2. **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent to award the contract to provide transportation services for special needs students, for the initial contract term, and for each subsequent one (1) year extension period.