

Is the 2006-7 school calendar available? If not, when?

Please contact the Office of Procurement for this information.

Please specify "regular school hours".

School sites schedules are considered "bell-to-bell." The schedules for elementary and secondary schools differ, so the bell-to-bell times will differ.

What is your policy regarding makeup sessions? Are there particular procedures or limitations for these sessions? Are makeup sessions always billable?

Makeup sessions can be coordinated with the Region Center Speech Chairperson and the contract speech-language pathologist. Procedures and limitations would be established on a case-by-case basis. The makeup session would be billable.

If our MWBE certification is not processed by May 4th, can we submit the certification in time for the evaluation meeting in June?

The Office of Procurement would need to respond to this question.

What is the earliest date Miami-Dade would start contracting services (when could we expect to start providing/billing for services)?

The beginning of services would typically be coordinated with the first day of school for students. The contract would be effective as of July 1, 2006; therefore, it could be possible that evaluations or screenings may be scheduled as early as July, 2006.

Is this contract for 10 months or 12 months?

The Office of Procurement may have identified in the RFP the contract period from July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007.

Are therapists guaranteed a full day of work? If so, how many contact hours per day?

Contract services negotiated and billed on an hourly basis. The final contract will state a specific contract award amount which is not to be exceeded. Services are usually requested on an as needed basis. This does not mean a guaranteed or specific amount of time.

If therapists are not guaranteed a full day, are they guaranteed a minimum number of hours?

Again, there is no guaranteed or specific amount of time; however, based on our critical shortage of staff speech-language pathologists most assignments are for full-day and are often for several months.

Any there summer programs within Miami-Dade that could use our services?

Depending on the need, it is possible but unlikely.

What is the estimated number of referrals you expect to contract out to vendors?

The final determination is based on the services a prospective vendor states they are able to provide (based on the need stated in the RFP).

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Given that this is a multi-vendor contract, can you explain to what extent you use each vendor? Is there any method of rank-ordering vendors?

The Office of Procurement can review or direct prospective vendors to the specifics of the evaluation process. This may also be stated in the RFP.

Can you share common rates paid to vendors in the past?

Please contact the Office of Procurement for this information.

Are there any particular qualifications you require for the "liaison" of our agency?

No.

What type of supervision is anticipated for personnel who provide services? Are there any specific qualifications you require for this supervisor?

In the event that a contract speech-language pathologist is in their Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY), the agency's supervisor is required by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association to be a certified and licensed Speech-Language Pathologist.

Is the time allotted for the completion of Medicaid forms significant, and is it billable?

The time provided is a part of the daily documentation procedure(s) that an assigned contract speech-language pathologist would be responsible for.

With regards to your fingerprinting policy, is there any particular agency we must use?

Please contact the Office of Procurement for this information.

Is there a scoring criteria used when evaluating proposals?

Please contact the Office of Procurement for this information.

On pg. 3 / Part C of the RFP, are there procedures already in place for monitoring student records and attendance?

Yes..

On pg. 6 / B.1. of the RFP, can you clarify "estimated time frame"?

Please note Section XV (Implementation Schedule) as documented in the RFP.

On pg. 6 / B.3. of the RFP, can you explain/anticipate the "frequency of supervision"?

The vendor liaison may be required to supervise any assigned speech-language pathologist if deemed necessary. In the event that a contract speech-language pathologist is in their Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY), the agency's supervisor is required to adhere to the supervisory requirements as outlined by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.