

## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 031-NN10 – LEGAL SERVICES

QUESTION: 1) What firm(s) does the Miami-Dade County Public Schools currently use for construction and real estate (eminent domain/land use) counsel?

RESPONSE: Firms on the current list of pre-approved attorneys for construction and eminent domain matters are as follows:

Construction:

Becker & Poliakoff, P.A.  
Peterson & Espino, P.A.  
Smith Currie & Hancock  
Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli, P.A.  
Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.

Eminent Domain:

Ruden McCloskey, P.A.  
Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.

QUESTION: (2) What are the current rates of the firm (s) that the Miami-Dade County Public Schools currently use for construction and real estate (eminent domain/land use) counsel?

RESPONSE: Construction (Litigation, Claims, General)

\$295.00 per hour for partners  
\$225.00 per hour for associates  
\$ 75.00 per hour for paralegals

Real Estate (eminent domain/land use)

\$250.00 per hour for partners  
\$195.00 to \$225 for associated  
\$ 75.00 per hour for paralegals

QUESTION: (3) Page 13, paragraph 2: Equal Employment Opportunity: Is Attachment C required as part of a firm's response to the RFP? If the firm has multiple offices in Florida, should the form only reflect the office where the majority of the work for the Miami-Dade Public Schools will be done from?

RESPONSE: Attachment C is required to be submitted. The form should reflect the breakdown of employees in the office where the services will be provided.

QUESTION: (4) Page 13, paragraph 3: M/WBE Participation: Is there a M/WBE requirement for this RFP? If so, what is the percentage? Are points assigned in the evaluation process?

RESPONSE: M/WBE participation is not a requirement for this solicitation. There are no percentages or points assigned for the evaluation process.

QUESTION: (5) In section 2 – Scope of Services (pg. 3), what type of eminent domain matters would the School Board would be involved in? Is the School Board the condemning authority?

RESPONSE: The different types of eminent domain matters include the following:

- All Phases of Litigation
- Apportionment Proceedings
- Environmental
- Inverse Condemnation
- Jury Trials
- Orders of Taking
- Pre-litigation Dispute Resolution
- Representation at all Appellate Levels
- Representation of Governmental Entities

- Taxation Consequences
- Zoning and Land Use Planning

The School Board as the condemning authority and as condemnee. The rates submitted in the RFP can be for all matters or a different rate for each matter.