

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR RFP 044-KK10 OUTSIDE AGENCIES QUALIFIED TO OPERATE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS FOR M-DCPS AT-RISK STUDENTS**

1. Please provide us a list of the currently awarded contracts to CBO's and amount awarded or the number of students.

Current contracts include:

Cuban American National Council, Inc. 385 students grade 9 – 12

Dade Marine Institutes up to 157 adjudicated youth

Richmond-Perrine Optimist Club, Inc. 130 students

2. Please define a Community Based Organization. Are they non-profit organizations?

Yes, they are non-profit organizations, providing services to the community.

3. Must a CBO be an IRS approved 501(c)(3)?

Yes.

4. According to VI.A. Page 3 of the RFP, a CBO must have "appropriate physical facilities" such as adequate classroom space. Does the space need to meet local codes as a "school facility"?

Included below is the language from the current contract concerning facility requirements.

**9. PHYSICAL PLANT AND FACILITY INSPECTION:** The **Contracting Agency** shall maintain current sanitation, health certificates and fire inspections for each appropriate building and each such building shall be open for inspection by Miami-Dade County authorities. The **Contracting Agency** shall comply with facility safety requirements embodied in the State Uniform Building Code for Educational Facilities and the Florida Department of Education's State Requirements for Educational Facilities in accordance to §1000.04, 1013.01 and 1013.03 Florida Statutes and Chapter 6A-2.0010, FAC.

**A.** The **Contracting Agency** shall provide a copy of the most current sanitation, health and fire inspection certifications/reports inclusive of the certificate of occupancy to the Division of Safety and Emergency Management of the **School Board**. The **Contracting Agency** shall provide student classrooms with a

minimum of twenty-five usable square feet per pupil. Instructional personnel must be provided adequate space for a desk, file cabinets, instructional materials, and secured storage of **School Board** owned equipment and confidential documents such as tests and records. Additional space shall be provided for ESE/ESOL staffings or psychological evaluations.

**B.** The **Contracting Agency** shall maintain (in a state of good repair) all buildings used for the educational program. The **Contracting Agency** must demonstrate the capability to relocate programs to an alternative location in the event the facility/structure housing the program is damaged or unable to safely house students/personnel. All damages to **School Board** property made by the **Contracting Agency** will be the responsibility of the **Contracting Agency** to repair. Should the **Contracting Agency** decide to relocate to another facility on its own accord; it will be responsible for the cost of relocating the AT&T T-1 line and all Intranet connections provided and funded by the **School Board** to support instruction and technology in the classroom.

5. The budget is based on the 95 FTE's will the agency have to pay the salaries and fringe benefits for the instructional staff or will DCPS keep them on their payroll?

The agencies are required to hire their own teachers.

6. Will the agency have the ability to choose elective subjects outside of what's on the list for DCPS if there's a course code that it could match?

The agency cannot offer a course MDCPS does not offer.

7. Will the agency have the right to make up their own nutritious meals for the students based on the state guide lines?

A satellite cafeteria will provide lunch at the basic student cost, free or reduced cost, based upon a student's eligibility.

8. Is P.E. required? If so could the agency buss the students to a park close to the school?

P.E. is not required.

9. Will the students be given transportation by DCPS?

Yes, if they live more than 2 miles from the facility.

10. What does it mean by the agency being able to demonstrate the capability to relocate their program, in the event of the facility/structure becoming damaged? What time frame are you talking about?

This refers to hurricanes and natural disasters, or safety-to-life issues. The agency should demonstrate that it has a disaster recovery plan.

11. How many awards will be given?

One or more, as meets the needs of the district.

12. Will the agencies have to serve all grades levels 6-12?

No. The agency could apply for various grade configurations.

13. If you are not a provider for the juvenile Justice Program, are you still eligible?

Yes, however the agency could not serve students enrolled in Juvenile Justice facilities.

14. Must all teachers be currently employed by M-DCPS system or could they have a State of Florida certification in the course they will be teaching?

None of the agency's teachers will be employed by M-DCPS.

15. If the agency does not have a school code, then what is the process it would take to receive one?

School code numbers are issued by the state, for the purpose of reviewing test and assessment data. The District requests the school code number from the state.

16. Will the FTE funding for 2010-2011 be increased?

The 2009-2010 funding is cited in Attachment F. This is also the projected funding for 2010-2011.

17. Under the expenditures there is a section for the School Administrative and General Administrative, will the General Administrative be the person from the agency applying for the funding?

General Administration refers to the parent agency which administers the operation of the school.