

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 058-NN10 – TITLE I EQUITABLE SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (ESES) FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND SUBJECT TO THEIR SELECTION BY A PARTICIPATING NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL

1. Under Section “V” (Required Information To Be Submitted by Proposer), page #3, item “A”, it states that the “proposer must provide documentation of 3-5 years experience...in nonpublic schools in Florida within the last 5 years”. May a provider submit documentation of 3-5 years of experience in nonpublic schools from districts **outside** the state of Florida? Does time spent serving districts in states other than Florida meet the district’s definition of “experience”? Can experience providing similar services to public school students in Florida be applied to this requirement?

RESPONSE:

M-DCPS is looking for Proposers that have 3-5 years experience providing equitable supplementary educational services for non-public school students in the State of Florida.

2. Item “B” under Section “V” (page #3) requires the proposer to submit letters of recommendation from the nonpublic school directors of 3 districts in the state of Florida. Can the proposer instead submit 3 such letters from nonpublic school directors in districts **outside** of the state of Florida?

RESPONSE:

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3. Has the district established any parameters for Administrative Costs? Is there a maximum percentage that the district will allow for such costs?

RESPONSE:

Refer to item VIII, Allowable Itemized Costs. Administration costs are capped at a maximum of up to 10% of the compensation for Instructional Services.

Refer to item X, Evaluation of Proposals, letter J. Proposed number of hours of direct instructional service, professional development training and activities, parental involvement training and activities, as well as percent of administrative cost, will be a consideration in the evaluation of proposals.

4. Has the district given any consideration to a multi-vendor award? Will the contract be awarded to a single vendor?

RESPONSE:

M-DCPS will consider all responsive vendors that meet the minimum requirements.

5. The RFP notes in Section II, page #1 that services are for reading, math, or science. This implies that a student may receive any **one** of these subjects. Will students be allowed to receive more than one subject during the course of the program? Will the successful provider be required to offer all 3 subjects to students in each of the schools?

RESPONSE:

Students will not be allowed to receive more than one subject during the course of the program. Students' subject assignment will be based on academic need.

The successful provider will be required to offer all three subjects at each of the non-public schools.

Must all teachers be highly-qualified and hold certificates in their area of instruction?

RESPONSE:

All teachers must be able to meet highly-qualified teacher requirements delineated in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

6. What was the allocation in 2012-2013 for each of the following 4 components of the Miami/Dade non-public school program?
 7. Instruction
 8. Parent Involvement
 9. Professional Development
 10. Administrative Costs

RESPONSE:

Following are the 2012-2013 Title I allocations for the 4 components of the Miami/Dade non-public school program:

- 1. Instruction - \$3,008,893.00**
- 2. Parent Involvement - \$88,938.00**

3. Professional Development - \$94,421.00

4. Administrative Costs - \$188,429.00

8. V. Required Information to be submitted by proposer:

A. Proposer must provide documentation of 3-5 yrs experience providing instructional services, prof. dev. & parental involvement activities in non-public schools in Florida with the last 5 years. Does this mean that only companies which have provided services to non-public schools are eligible to be consider for this proposal?

RESPONSE:

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9. In section A. it states that the proposer must provide documentation of 3-5 years experience providing instructional services, professional development and parental involvement activities in non-public schools in Florida within the last 5 years. Our company has over 6 years of experience providing these same services but to public school students as we were Supplemental Educational Service providers. We only provided these same services to one non-public school in the state of Florida. Our first year providing these services was last year. Will our company's extensive experience providing the same services to public schools be sufficient to meet this requirement? If not, what else would make our company meet this requirement?

RESPONSE:

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10. Section B states that the proposer must supply names, addresses and contact information of three (3) school districts in the state of Florida where they have delivered or are delivering similar services, along with letters of recommendation from the non public school directors in those districts. How many letters of recommendations do we need from non-public schools? Can we just get one from the one non-public school we serviced last year? Will that be enough to meet this requirement?

RESPONSE:

Three letters must be obtained from District directors of non-public school programs in the State of Florida. Additional letters from individual non-public schools may be submitted. No specific number was requested.

11. XII. GENERAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS. Pages 10-12

If an applicant's insurance policies typically follow the school district's calendar, starting August 15th to August 15th each year, will the school district accept the current policy, expiring August 15th, 2013, under the condition that the applicant's insurance company will undertake to submit the renewal policy to the school district prior to the expiration date? This question is raised because the RFP is due on August 1st, 2013, and underwriters do not historically issue new policies until one week prior to expiration of the current one.

RESPONSE:

Yes, the district will accept this policy with the understanding that it will be renewed. However, a new and updated policy must be submitted at time of contract negotiations if proposer is awarded this contract.

12. Section V ("Required Information") section "A" states that "Provider must provide documentation of 3-5 years experience providing instructional services, professional development and parental involvement activities in **non-public schools** in Florida within the last Five years". This section, specifically the requirement of experience in "Non Public Schools" inhibits so many qualified MWBE and SBE Tutoring Services from participating in this RFP. It also inhibits many other larger companies with the experience and expertise to deliver high quality Tutoring Services. Please explain how tutoring services for Title I children differs based on the Governance Structure of a school (whether Private or Public).

In addition please explain, how any difference outweighs the public interest to allow the widest participation of firms (MWBE-SBE) based on the Quality of Service to Students, rather than Governance Structure of School. The "non public schools" provision/requirement will continue to foster the small group of firms in the State of Florida that have dominated Title I - Non Public Services. In conclusion, we believe that having the adequate capacity and experience is paramount for this RFP, we agree that 3-5 years experience providing instructional services, professional development and parental involvement activities in Florida provides that assurance without the "non-public" provision/requirement. (As an aside, Section V ("Required Information") section "B" is indirectly related to my

question because it's asking for letters of recommendations from Non Public Directors)

RESPONSE:

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