

## Questions and Answers RFP 046-KK10 Speech and Language Pathology Services

1. The RFP requires us to provide an onsite liaison for this contract. Is this person only responsible for monitoring the program and supervising the provisionally licensed Speech Language Pathologists? Can this designated person also provide therapy services directly to students as described in the RFP?  
This person must provide supervision to CFYs and monitoring to all agency therapists (at agency expense). If they have additional time available, they may provide direct services on a limited time basis.
2. Will our liaison only be responsible for providing supervision to our contracted therapists or will they be responsible for supervising other therapist's directly hired through the School District? They will be responsible for supervision of only their own agency therapists.
3. Are we able to provide the School District with Bachelor's level therapists; as well as Master's level therapists that are in their CFY (Clinical Fellowship Year) and working towards obtaining their CCC certification.  
No. All contracted therapists must be licensed at the Master's level or above.
4. How many vendors were awarded this contract during the last RFP process?  
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5. How many vendor contracts will be renewed on the upcoming anniversary date?  
None.
6. How many vendors actually provided staff under the existing contract?  
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7. What have been the main issues or challenges with your current vendors?  
Providing SLPs for our immediate needs; communication regarding the immediate availability of therapists; providing appropriately experienced therapists; providing therapists who are willing to travel where they are needed or to change assignments across the year.
8. Does the existing contract have the same structure as the RFP?  
No.
9. Who are the current vendors?  
ABC Speech & Language Therapy, Boca Speech Center, Community Rehab Associates, Educational Based Services, and Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc.
10. How many positions were filled with contract staff?  
Roughly 25, although the number varies during the year.
11. How many positions were not filled?  
1 or 2.
12. Please provide current pricing by provider.  
  
Current vendors are: ABC Speech & Language Therapy, Boca Speech Center, Community Rehab Associates, Educational Based Services, and Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc. Current pricing ranges from \$60 to \$72 per hour.
13. How many anticipated SLP positions does Miami-Dade County project for the 2010-2011 school year?  
25 contracted positions.

14. What is the total estimated cost of the contract?  
\$2,000,000 per year.
15. How many vendors do you expect to select?  
Per the RFP, the District intends to award contracts to one or more proposers.
16. What are the estimated number of schools per day a clinician will have to cover.  
Typically one but as many as 2 or 3.
17. Can the on site liaison also be a treating SLP?  
See #2.
18. What are the requirements of the on site liaison?  
See the RFP, V. SCOPE OF SERVICES
19. What is required as far as training or orientation to Miami-Dade County Schools?  
There is usually a meeting for vendors in August. Additional on-site assistance is provided by MDCPS via the Region offices.
20. Can we bill for training and orientation?  
Training and orientation should not be considered as billable.
21. Can we have separate fees for administration?  
No.
22. Will we have an opportunity to renegotiate pricing during the term of the contract or prior to an extension?  
Prices are firm during the initial term of the contract and any extensions.
23. Who is currently contracted to provide Speech Language Pathology Services and what are their fees? See #12 above.
24. Who are the current providers for Speech Language Pathology (SLP) services?
  1. Please provide the current bill rate by provider. See above.
  2. Please provide the # of FTEs (full time equivalents) by provider.

These are estimates as the number varies during the year:  
ABC Speech and Language Therapy 6.8  
Boca Speech Center 1  
Community Rehab Associates 2.8  
Invo Healthcare Associates 1  
EBS 15
25. Have your current providers been able to meet all of your current SLP services need at Miami-Dade County Public Schools? See #11.
  1. Do your current providers need to re-bid or are they are currently in an extension year?  
Everyone needs to reapply. We will not be renewing any contract.
26. How many district SLPs does Miami-Dade County Public Schools have on staff?  
178.5 FTE.
27. Does Miami-Dade County Public Schools currently have any SLP compensatory time to make-up?  
No.

28. How many anticipated SLP unfilled positions does Miami-Dade County Public Schools have for the 2010-2011 school year?  
3 staff positions.
29. Will therapists have access to internet capabilities/computers at Miami-Dade County Public Schools?  
Yes.
30. In regards to billable hours:
1. Are orientation sessions billable? No
  2. Are we allowed to bill for mileage? No
31. How will you notify the vendors of award status? (ie letter, e-mail, etc)
1. Will all vendors be notified, regardless of award status? After award by the Board, the awarded vendors will be notified by letter or email.
32. What special education data system does Miami-Dade County Public Schools use?  
ISIS, PARIS, Easy IEP
33. Would Miami-Dade County Public Schools accept proposed pricing for Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists, Social Workers and School Psychologists within this bid as well?  
No.
34. In addition to the state and discipline licenses, does Miami-Dade County Public Schools have any additional licensure and/or certification requirements?  
  
Fingerprinting and criminal history checks per the Jessica Lunsford Act, see X. THE JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS.