

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to Approve Agreement 15-044-1V – Research and Program Evaluation Consultant Services

This request is for adding an additional vendor to the pool of approved consultants under Request for Proposal (RFP) 15-044-1V Research and Program Evaluation Consultant Services. Consultants approved under this RFP are not guaranteed a contract to provide services but will provide departments the opportunity to select qualified K-12 research consultants. Departments that are awarded grants often require consultant services to fulfill grant-funded obligations that require independent researchers to evaluate program fidelity and impact. The solicitation for this RFP ran from October 10, 2016, through November 4, 2016 with eight (8) vendors recommended for award. Item E-3 was first presented to the School Board on June 13, ~~2016~~ 2017, for the approval of six (6) agreements. Keith M. Sturges, d/b/a Indikus Evaluation and Planning and Jennifer L. Merriman, d/b/a Merriman Research Group, LLC were not included pending proper business certification to conduct business in Florida.

This request is to approve the addition of Merriman Research Group, LLC to the existing contract that expires on June 30, 2018. There is no additional spending requested as the Financial Analysis reflects that seventy-five (25) percent of the approved spend is still available. Funding is primarily provided through grants that require external evaluations for compliance.

Original RFP released on November 7, 2014, Item E-11 presented to the School Board on June 23, 2015, included the approval of sixteen (16) vendors. With the re-release of the RFP, ~~twenty-two (22)~~ twenty-three (23) vendors are approved on this contract as detailed below:

- Armatt Enterprises, Inc.
- Biscayne Research Group, Inc.
- Child Trends, Incorporated
- CNA Corporation
- D&C Education Company, d/b/a Edumatrix*
- Evergreen Solutions, LLC*
- IMPAQ International, LLC
- Isadore Newman, Ph.D.
- Jianping Shen, Ph.D.
- John M. Enger, Ph.D.
- Strategic Measurement & Evaluation, Inc.
- Truescore Consulting, LLC (formerly Caldera Research, Inc.)
- Keith Sturges d/b/a Indikus Evaluation & Planning (no agreement, certification still pending)
- McRel International
- Metis Associates, Inc.
- Pacific Research and Evaluation, LLC
- Prismatic Services, Incorporated
- Public Consulting Group, Inc.
- Q-Q Research Consultants, LLC *
- Research Analysis Group, LLC
- Resources for Learning, LLC
- Southeast Research and Evaluation Assoc.
- Steven Alan Hecht, Ph.D.

* Small/Minority/Women Business Enterprise Certified Vendor (s)

Traditionally the RFP is re-released every six (6) months to give additional researchers the opportunity to join our consultant pool to broaden the skills and experience of our approved consultants, so district stakeholders have better options to meet their needs.

Financial Impact

No additional spending authority is being requested as currently seventy-five (75) percent of the approved spend is still available. Although it is challenging to forecast the number of consultants that may be hired in a particular year, the current spending authority of \$600,000 is expected to cover further transactions on this RFP. Also, a comparison of the spend from the previous RFP 10-080N, suggests this amount will not be exceeded as demonstrated below:

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	Total Spend	Monthly Average	# of Years
10-080N (previous)	\$900,000	\$180,000	five (5)
15-044V (current)	\$600,000	\$200,000	three (3)

See below the allocation of total spend on this contract at this point:

<u>John M. Enger, Ph.D.</u>	<u>\$89,750.00</u>
<u>Public Consulting Group, LLC</u>	<u>\$20,225.00</u>
<u>Research Analysis Group, LLC</u>	<u>\$43,938.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$153,913.00</u>

