

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to Approve Agreements FY21-003 – Preschool Services for Children with Disabilities

Introduction

Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)

This request is to approve the recommendation to award the agreements for Ann Storck Center, Inc., ARC Broward, Inc., Broward Children's Center, Inc., North Lauderdale Educational Centers, Inc., Nova Southeastern University, Inc. and United Cerebral Palsy of Broward, Palm Beach and Mid-Coast Counties, Inc. d/b/a United Community Options of Broward, Palm Beach, and Mid-Coast Counties for a period of one (1) year from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. These services are required by the State Board of Education rule 6A-6.0361 (F.A.C.), Contractual Agreements with Non-Public Schools and Residential Facilities.

The District may provide special education and related services to an exceptional student with a disability through a contractual agreement with an approved non-public school or community facility for the provision of a non-residential interagency program that includes the provision of educational programming in accordance with the student's individual education plan (IEP).

The District is responsible for assuring the proposed program at the non-public school, or community facility is appropriate to meet the educational needs of students with disabilities, or early intervention needs of infants or toddlers with disabilities, placed through a contractual agreement. This shall not be construed to limit the responsibility of agencies in the state other than the District School Boards from providing or paying some or all of the cost of a free appropriate public education or early intervention services to be provided children with disabilities ages birth through twenty-one (21) years old.

The spending authority being requested is \$12,954,515.

Goods/Services Description

Responsible: Exceptional Student Learning and Support (ESLS)

The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), has entered into agreements with Ann Storck Center, Inc., ARC Broward, Broward Children's Center, Inc. (BCC), Nova Southeastern University, Inc., and United Cerebral Palsy of Broward, Palm Beach, and Mid-Coast Counties, Inc. for more than twenty-five (25) years. Additionally, since federal legislation supports the inclusion of preschool children with disabilities with their typically developing peers, for more than ten (10) years, SBBC has entered into agreements with North Lauderdale Educational Center, Inc.

These community sites have the commitment and the expertise needed to educate eligible preschool children with disabilities as defined by the State Board of Education Rules. Children may be eligible for the following exceptional student education programs: autism spectrum disorder, deaf or hard of hearing, developmentally delayed, emotional/behavior disability, intellectual disability, language impairment, other health impairment, physical or orthopedic impairment, and/or visual impairment (blind or partially sighted).

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Procurement Method
Responsible: PWS

Pursuant to Purchasing Policy 3320 and the Department of Education, Rule 6A-1.012, 11(b), Florida Administrative Code as authorized by Section 1010.04(4)(a), Florida Statutes, and School Board Policy 3320, Section II, G, the requirement for requesting competitive solicitation for commodities or contractual services from three (3) or more sources is hereby waived for the purchase of professional and educational services, which may include health services involving an examination, diagnosis, treatment, prevision, and medical consultation.

Financial Impact
Responsible: PWS and ESLS

These Agreements reflect a not-to-exceed funding structure based on per-student allocation (transportation will continue as a support service for preschoolers), as demonstrated in the breakdown below:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Not-to-Exceed Allocation</u>
<u>Ann Storck Center, Inc.</u>	\$ <u>1,251,759</u>
<u>ARC Broward, Inc.</u>	\$ <u>1,982,642</u>
<u>Broward Children’s Center, Inc.</u>	\$ <u>3,454,194</u>
<u>North Lauderdale Educational Centers, Inc.</u>	\$ <u>416,622</u>
<u>Nova Southeastern University, Inc.</u>	\$ <u>4,169,780</u>
United Cerebral Palsy of Broward, Palm Beach and Mid-Coast Counties, Inc. d/b/a United Community Options of Broward, Palm Beach, and Mid-Coast Counties	\$ <u>988,504</u>
TOTAL	\$ 12,263,501
<i>Transportation</i> (\$36.86 per student)	\$ <u>691,014</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 12,954,515

This request is based on the possibility of every student receiving a two hundred fifty-five (255) Matrix Level service (the highest level of support for a student with a disability).

The spending authority for FY21-003 will be \$12,954,515 funded by the general fund.

The financial impact amount represents an estimated contract value; however, the amount authorized will not exceed the estimated contract award amount.