

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Meeting Date 03/05/2013	Open Agenda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Special Order Request <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		Agenda Item Number FF-3

TITLE: Acceptance of Contract Terms and Conditions from the Invitation to Negotiate released 01/28/13 by The Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. for the Proposal - Child Screening System Coordination Component							
REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the Chair to Execute the Acceptance of Contract Terms and Conditions from the Invitation to Negotiate released 01/28/13 by The Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. for the Delivery of Early Care and Education Services for Children in Broward County for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 concerning a Proposal for the provision of the Child Screening System Coordination component.							
SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND: The Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. released an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) on 01/28/13 for the purpose of ensuring children's readiness for school. Through the ITN, the Coalition is seeking to procure a coordinated system of Early Care and Education Services and supports that effectively prepares children for school, is efficient, customer-friendly, and integrated with related community services and supports. The System of Early Care and Education Services contain six Core Service Components of which only three are requested for bid in the ITN. The Exceptional Student Education & Support Services Department in partnership with the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center, Early Steps Program intends to submit a proposal for the Child Screening Systems Coordination component requested in the ITN, to ensure effective linkage between developmental screenings, implementation of Individual Education Plans and Individualized Family Support Plans, ongoing child assessment and instruction especially for children with special needs. The Early Steps Program is Broward County's lead agency for Part C Early Intervention Services. In order to submit a proposal, the School Board must sign and submit an Acceptance of Contract Terms and Conditions specified in the ITN and contained in the sample Core Contract by March 14, 2013 accompanied by a guarantee bond in the amount of one percent (1%) of the requested service budget amount. The bond guarantees that, if awarded, the Contract will be executed within 10 consecutive calendar days after a Contract has been presented to the School Board for signature. If The School Board's proposal is accepted, a completed contract will be placed upon a future School Board agenda. If a regular School Board meeting is not scheduled within the 10 consecutive calendar days, a special meeting of the School Board may be called to execute the contract to avoid forfeiture of the guarantee bond. This Contract has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal content by the Office of the General Counsel. The Exceptional Student Education and Support Services Department has reviewed the conditions of the ITN and recommends approval by the School Board.							
SCHOOL BOARD GOALS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •Goal 1: High Quality Instruction <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal 2: Continuous Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> •Goal 3: Effective Communication							
FINANCIAL IMPACT: The positive financial impact is \$850,000. The source of funds is the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.							
EXHIBITS: (List) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Summary• Acceptance of Terms and Conditions• Invitation to Negotiate for the delivery of Early Care and Education Services for Children in Broward County for Fiscal Year 2013/2014• Core Contract (Sample)							
BOARD ACTION: <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">APPROVED</div> (For Official School Board Records' Office Only)	SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: <table style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 60%;">Kathrine Francis</td><td style="width: 40%;">754-321-2560</td></tr><tr><td>Joaquin Eljaui</td><td>754-321-2245</td></tr><tr><td style="font-size: 0.8em;">Name</td><td style="font-size: 0.8em;">Phone</td></tr></table>	Kathrine Francis	754-321-2560	Joaquin Eljaui	754-321-2245	Name	Phone
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Approved in Open Board Meeting on:

MAR 05 2013

By:

Laurie Rich Levinson

School Board Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grant Program	Early Learning Coalition Invitation to Negotiate – Child Screening System Coordination	
Status	New	
Funds Requested	\$ 850,000	
Financial Impact Statement	The positive financial impact is \$850,000. The source of the funds is the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. There is no additional impact to the school district.	
Schools included	N/A	
Managing Department/School	Exceptional Student Education & Support Services	
Source of Additional Information	Joaquin Eljaua Gwen Lipscomb	754-321-2245 754-321-2205
Project Description	<p>The Early Learning Coalition has released an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for the purpose of ensuring children's readiness for school. Through the ITN, the Coalition is seeking to procure a coordinated system of Early Care and Education Services and supports that effectively prepares children for school, is efficient, customer-friendly, and integrated with related community services and supports. The System of Early Care and Education Services contain six Core Service Components of which only three are requested for bid in the ITN. The Exceptional Student Education & Support Services Department in partnership with the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center, Early Steps Program intends to submit a proposal for Core Component Area ELC 3: Child Screening System Coordination which ensures effective linkage between developmental screenings, implementation of Individual Education Plans and Individualized Family Support Plans, ongoing child assessment and instruction especially for children with special needs. The Early Steps Program is Broward County's lead agency for Part C Early Intervention Services.</p> <p>As a part of the IDEA Child Find responsibility, the school district currently receives approximately 150 community-based referrals for screenings and/or evaluations. The proposal will significantly increase the number (500+) of preschool aged student's birth to five years of age being referred for screening and/or evaluation for special education services. In order to fulfill our obligation, this proposal includes the hiring of two evaluation teams consisting of the following staff: 2 school psychologists, 3 Speech Language Pathologists, 1 Child Find Specialist, and 1.5 Clerical staff. Moreover, one community liaison will be added to the team in order to increase outreach activities with community providers. An element of the proposal includes subcontracting with the Early Steps Program (birth to two years) as well as increased collaboration with community agencies responsible for core components of the proposal.</p> <p>Approval of this proposal will allow the school district to assist the Early Coalition of Broward County in the attainment of their mission to create a comprehensive and integrated Early Care & Education System that proactively prepares Broward County's children to succeed in school and in life. This proposal is aligned to the Superintendent's Strategic Plan addressing High Quality Instruction and Early Childhood Education.</p>	
Evaluation Plan	<p>The Coalition shall conduct quality assurance reviews annually, at a minimum, during the contract period to assess the quality of services provided to children and families under this contract, to determine compliance with Coalition requirements; the extent to which key indicators of performance are being achieved; and to validate internal quality improvements systems and findings. The reviews will be conducted by a team that may include the Coalition's contract monitoring staff, a Coalition Board member, staff from Florida's Office of Early Learning, and staff who are providing similar services in other areas of the state, and staff from other funding agencies who have received training in the Coalition's monitoring process.</p>	

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

If we should be awarded this Contract, we will comply with all the terms and conditions specified in the Invitation to Negotiate ("ITN") released by the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. on January 28, 2013 for the delivery of Early Care and Education Services for Children in Broward County for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 and contained in the Core Contract contained in the ITN.

ATTEST:

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:



Robert W. Runcie,
Superintendent of Schools

BY:



Laurie Rich Levinson,
Chair

5th day of March, 2013

Approved as to form and legal content:



Office of the General Counsel

Robert Paul Vignola

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