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*Superintendent of Schools*

August 23, 2016

## ADDENDUM NO. 3 RFP 17-003V FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING SERVICES

### TO ALL PROPOSERS:

Amend the above referenced RFP in the following particulars only:

### **Evaluation meeting day and location change.**

The evaluation of 17-003V, Federal and State Lobbying Services **date change:** From September 12, 2016 @ 9:00 AM to **September 14, 2016 @ 9:00 AM.**

Location change: From: 7720 West Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 323  
Sunrise, Florida 33351

To: KCW Board Room  
600 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (Kathleen C. Wright Administration Center)  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Posting of the Recommendation Tabulation is changed from September 14, 2016 @ 3:00 PM to **September 19, 2016 @ 3:00 PM**

This Addendum is for informational purposes only and need not be returned with your Proposal. By virtue of signing the "Required Response Form", Page 1 of RFP No. 17-003V, Proposer certifies acceptance of this Addendum.

Sincerely,

Charles V. High, C.P.M., A.P.P., MBA  
Purchasing Agent IV

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### **3.0 CALENDAR**

August 2, 2016 Release of RFP 17-003V

August 16, 2016 Written questions due on or before 5:00 p.m. ET  
in Procurement & Warehousing Services Department

August 29, 2016 Proposals due on or before 2:00 p.m. ET  
in Procurement & Warehousing Services Department.  
Proposal opening will be at  
7720 West Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 323,  
Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704.\*

**September 14, 2016** Evaluation Committee reviews Proposals and makes  
Recommendation for award. Meeting to be held at  
Kathleen C. Wright Administrative Center  
KCW Board Room  
600 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 at 9:00 a.m.\*

**September 19, 2016** Posting of Recommendation

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August 19, 2016

### **ADDENDUM NO. 2** **RFP 17- 003V** **FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING SERVICES**

#### **TO ALL PROPOSERS:**

This Addendum amends the above-referenced RFP in the following particulars only:

1. Attached are the responses to the questions received.
2. Addendum No. 1, please insert this corrected sentence on the cover page.  
By virtue of signing the "Required Response Form", Page 1 of RFP 17-003V, Proposer certifies acceptance of this Addendum.

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➤ **QUESTION #1:**

Please confirm proposals may be submitted for State Lobbying Services only.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #1:**

*Yes. Proposals may be submitted for State Lobbying Services only.*

➤ **QUESTION #2:**

Section 4.2.2 - Please clarify if all proposed team members of the firm must be registered for both the executive and legislative branches. We would like to include Allyce Heflin in our response, who most recently served eight years as the Budget Chief for the Florida House of Representatives' Education Appropriations Committee, on the proposed team for this project. Allyce is currently unable to register as a lobbyist before the Florida Legislature until June 2018. Allyce is currently registered to lobby the executive branch, which includes the Florida Department of Education and Board of Education. While Allyce cannot lobby the legislative branch, she would offer invaluable strategic council to SBBC until her ban ends. Of course, while Allyce will only lobby the executive branch for SBBC if selected, other members of the team will lobby the legislative branch.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #2:**

*A minimum of five (5) years providing federal and/or state lobbying services and within the five years, three (3) years must have been providing such services to local government(s) school districts. Written proof of this experience must be provided with submitted proposal. Within five (5) days after award, each person or firm engaged in state lobbying services on behalf of SBBC must be registered as a legislative and/or executive lobbyist with the State of Florida as directed by the executed contract. For Federal Lobbying Services, awardee must comply with the Lobbying Disclosure Act within five (5) days after the award of the contract.*

➤ **QUESTION #3:**

Section 4.4.1.5.2 – Due to proximity and local knowledge, Southern Strategy Group's Miami office will be lead on this solicitation response. However, Southern Strategy Group has five affiliated offices within the State of Florida with one common owner. Please clarify if you would like us to answer this section including the Miami information only or if we should include information for all Florida offices.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #3:**

*Addressed in 4.4.1.5.2 (d)*

➤ **QUESTION #4:**

Sections 4.4.1.10.3 and 4.4.1.10.4 – Southern Strategy Group has a policy of not including any financial documents in submittals that will be public record as this is confidential information. Will the fiscal documents on file with the School Board of Broward County with the MBE application suffice (letter from bank, tax returns for the past three years, quarterly wage report UCT-6 for four quarters, and W9)? Will a letter from our accountant containing revenue figures meet this requirement? Since the purpose of 4.4.1.10.4 is to "verify the proposer's financial status", is there another way we can demonstrate financial viability without providing confidential fiscal information?

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #4:**

*Documents must be consistent with M/WBE requirements and letter from accountant is acceptable.*

➤ **QUESTION #5:**

Section 4.4.1.11.1 – Southern Strategy Group's Miami office opened in October 2009. A complete reorganization, including all new hires, occurred in February 2013. The list of previous and current clients for this section is extensive. Will you clarify if the response for this question can be for a specific time period (for example, last 3 years) and/or should it include only local government clients?

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #5:**

*A three (3) year window is sufficient.*

➤ **QUESTION #6:**

Where should the required attachments be placed in the response?

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #6:**

*Attachments may be placed in the back of the proposal but should be referenced by an Attachment indicated by the alphabet (Attachment A, Attachment B, etc.)*

➤ **QUESTION #7:**

Section - 4.4.1.8 – Is it possible to provide an example addressing each a-d of this section?

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #7:**

- a) *Number of Projects (How many projects are presently being performed?) Size of Projects (Dollar amount value) (Example) Florida A & M University of Florida \$1.4 million for Future Affordability Multi-Utility (FAMU) materials for army combat system.*
- b) *Same as above but completed.*
- c) *This is a paragraph that the Proposer must put in their own words. How did the firm/staff's ability bring about a successful completion of similar projects?*
- d) *This section refers to projects that would be concurrently undertaken by assigned staff.*

➤ **QUESTION #8:**

Section 4.4.8.1. a) Please define "size" Please define "projects"..

Section 4.4.8.1. b) Please define "Type of Projects"

Section 4.4.8.1. d) Please define "types of projects". Please confirm this response should only include projects as it relates to existing known projects. There's no way we can know all assignments that our clients will have for us next session.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #8:**

It is up to the Proposer to determine the meaning of these words based on your current and past experience.

➤ **QUESTION #9:**

What will be the make-up of the evaluation committee?

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #9:**

*SBBC staff.*

➤ **QUESTION #10:**

- (1) In 4.4.2.1, the “Scope of Services” section, is the respondent expected to include the list of checked boxes and subsequently expand on those topics if the respondent wishes to expand? (2) Under what section of the response should the pages with the checked boxes be included? (3) Under what subsection should the respondent include its expanded responses to the checked boxes?

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #10:**

- (1) *Yes*  
(2) *In the same section as provided in the RFP*  
(3) *Under the designated item number*

*Make sure you use the same sequence of numbers as stated in the RFP.*

*4.4.1.5.1 – Respond to the question*

*4.4.1.5.2 – Respond to the question.....and so forth*

➤ **QUESTION #11:**

- (1) How much is The School Board of Broward County spending for its state lobbying services with its current vendor(s) and (2) are these payments made in equal monthly installments?

**ANSWER TO QUESTION #11:**

- (1) \$6,000 per month for each vendor  
(2) Yes



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August 19, 2016

## ADDENDUM NO. 1 RFP 17-003V FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING SERVICES

### TO ALL PROPOSERS:

Amend the above referenced RFP in the following particulars only:

**DELETE:** Page 17 of 30 Pages

**INSERT:** Page 17 of 30 Pages – **REVISED** -

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Sincerely,

Charles V. High, C.P.M., A.P.P., MBA  
Purchasing Agent IV

**5.0 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

5.1 The Evaluation Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Committee"), shall evaluate all Proposals received, which meet or exceed Section 4.2, Minimum Eligibility Requirements and Section 7.1 Indemnification, according to the following criteria:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>MAXIMUM POINTS</u>
A. Experience and Qualifications	35
B. Scope of Services	35
C. Cost of Services	20
D. Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program	
D.1 Participation	6
D.2 Diversity	2
D.3 Community Outreach	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

Failure to respond, provide detailed information or to provide requested Proposal elements may result in the reduction of points in the evaluation process. The Committee may recommend the rejection of any proposal containing material deviations from the RFP. The Committee may recommend waiving any irregularities and technicalities. If only one responsive proposal is received, the Committee will proceed without scoring the one responsive proposal and may negotiate the best terms and conditions with that sole proposer or may recommend the rejection of all proposals as permitted by Section 6A-1.012(12)(c), F.A.C."

5.2 The Committee reserves the right to ask questions of a clarifying nature once Proposals have been opened, require presentations from all Proposers, interview any or all Proposers that respond to the RFP, or make their recommendations based solely on the information contained in the Proposals submitted. Presentations, if required, will be part of the evaluation process.

5.3 Based upon Section 5.1, the Committee, at its sole discretion, may commence negotiations with selected Proposer(s). The Committee reserves the right to negotiate any term, condition, specification, or price (other than Section 4.2 and Section 7.1) with a selected Proposer(s). In the event that mutually agreeable negotiations cannot be reached with a Proposer, the Committee may negotiate with the next ranked Proposer(s), and so forth. An impasse may be declared by the Committee at any time. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Superintendent. The Superintendent may choose to post the recommendation as its intended action of the District in accordance with Section 120.57(3) Florida Statutes or the Superintendent may choose to return the recommendation to the Committee for further deliberations consistent with the RFP.

5.4 **Award:** It is the intent of SBBC to select multiple Lobbyists to supply the services necessary to represent SBBC, as defined herein. For lobbying services the number and type of lobbyists recommended for award shall be determined by the Evaluation Committee). SBBC intends to approve only the Proposer(s) that have complied with the terms, conditions and requirements of the overall RFP and receive 70 points or higher from the Committee and approval will be based on the scores ascribed to Proposals as outlined in Evaluation Process and will be made for the goods and services required by SBBC as stated in the RFP. Evaluation of Proposals will be based on an average of Evaluation Committee Member's points. After the conclusion of negotiations, the recommended award would be made for the goods and services sought in the RFP in accordance with the terms of negotiations. Any Agreement resulting from these negotiations must be approved by SBBC's Attorney, must be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, and must have venue established in the 17<sup>th</sup> Court of Broward County, Florida or the United States Court of the Southern District of Florida. This Agreement approved by SBBC's Attorney will be submitted to SBBC for final approval. **Approval shall not be a guarantee of business, a guarantee of specified volume of service or minimum dollar revenue to be received on this contract.**





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August 2, 2016

Dear Prospective Proposers:

**SUBJECT: Instructions to Proposers  
Request for Proposals (RFP) 17-003V – Federal and State Lobbying Services**

**ROBERT W. RUNCIE**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC) is interested in receiving Proposals, in response to the attached RFP, for **Federal and State Lobbying Services**. Any questions regarding this RFP should be addressed to me, in writing, at the address stated above, via facsimile at 754-321-0533 or via e-mail [charles.high@browardschools.com](mailto:charles.high@browardschools.com). No other School Board staff member should be contacted in relation to this RFP. Any information that amends or supplements any portion of this RFP, which is received by any method other than an Addendum issued to the RFP should not be considered and is not binding on SBBC.

In order to assure that your Proposal is in full compliance with all requirements of the RFP, carefully read all portions of RFP document paying particular attention to the following areas:

• **MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE) CERTIFICATION/PARTICIPATION (See Section 4.4.4 of the RFP)**

SBBC has implemented a Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program as part of the SBBC's competitive solicitation and contracting activity in accordance with School Board Policy 7007-A Administrative Procedures for The School Board of Broward County, Florida's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program. The purpose of the program is to utilize available minority and women businesses within the Board's market area to compete for the award of SBBC construction and purchasing contracts. M/WBE vendors utilized for this contract must be certified by SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program Office prior to submission of bid proposal. For information on M/WBE Certification, contact SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program at 754-321-0550 or <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/supply/sdop/index.html>.

## REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM

Section 1.0, Required Response Form must be completed in full and executed by an authorized representative.

## PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL FORMAT

Proposers are requested to organize their Proposals in accordance with Section 4.0. SBBC reserves the right to reject and not consider any Proposal not organized and not containing all the information outlined in Section 4.0.

## DUE DATE

Proposals are due in the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department on the date and time stated in Section 3.0. In order to have your Proposal considered, it must be received on or before the date and time due. Proposals received after 2:00 p.m. ET on date due will not be considered.

## STATEMENT OF "NO RESPONSE"

If you are **not** submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP, please complete **Attachment I**, Statement of "No Response" and return via facsimile to 754-321-0533 or scan and send via e-mail [charles.high@browardschools.com](mailto:charles.high@browardschools.com). Your responses to the Statement of "No Response" are very important to the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department when creating future RFPs.

Thank you for your interest in SBBC. Again, if you have any questions, please contact me at the telephone number or e-mail address stated above.

Sincerely,

Charles V. High, C.P.M., A.P.P., MBA  
Purchasing Agent

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

## RFP 17-003V

### FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING SERVICES



RFP Release Date: August 2, 2016

Written Questions Due: On or Before 5:00 p.m. ET  
August 16, 2016  
in Procurement & Warehousing Services Department

**Proposals Due:\*** **On or Before 2:00 p.m. ET**  
**August 29, 2016**  
**in Procurement & Warehousing Services Department**

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**Procurement & Warehousing Services Department**  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 17-003V**  
**1.0 REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM**

**RELEASE DATE:** August 2, 2016

**TITLE:** FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING SERVICES

This Proposal must be submitted to the **Procurement & Warehousing Services Department of The School Board of Broward County, Florida, 7720 W. Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704, on or before 2:00 p.m. ET August 29, 2016** and plainly marked **RFP 17-003V**. Proposals received after 2:00 p.m. EST on date due will not be considered.

**Note: Cost of Services should be submitted in a sealed envelope along with, but separate from, the remainder of proposal**

**One complete, original hard-copy Proposal** (clearly marked as such), and **one complete, original electronic version** (both clearly marked as "original") will constitute the original governing documents. The electronic version in PDF format on CD/flash drive and **12 copies** (which must be identical to the original Proposal, **including any supplemental information/marketing materials**), of the RFP Proposal, including this **REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM** (Page 1 of RFP 17-003V), must be fully executed and returned on or before 2:00 p.m. ET on date due to the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department in accordance with the submittal requirements. In the case of any discrepancy between the **original** hard-copy Proposal and the copies, the **original** hard-copy Proposal will be the governing document. Proposal must contain all information required to be included in the Proposal as described herein. Completed Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope (package, box, etc.) with the RFP number and name clearly typed or written on the front.

**PROPOSER INFORMATION**

PROPOSER'S (COMPANY) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PROPOSER FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER TOLL FREE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ TOLL FREE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS TO SEND PURCHASE ORDERS TO: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNET URL: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposal Certification**

I hereby certify that: I am submitting the following information as my firm's (Proposer) Proposal and am authorized by Proposer to do so. Proposer has not divulged, discussed, or compared the Proposal with other Proposers and has not colluded with any other Proposer or party to any other Proposal; Proposer, its principals, or their lobbyists has not offered campaign contributions to School Board Members or offer contributions to School Board Members for campaigns of other candidates for political office during the period in which the Proposer is attempting to sell goods or services to the School Board. This period of limitation of offering campaign contributions shall commence at the time of the "cone of silence" period for any solicitation for a competitive procurement as described by School Board Policy 3320, Part II, Section GG as well as School Board Policy 1007, Section 5.4 – Campaign Contribution Fundraising. Proposer acknowledges that all information contained herein is part of the public record as defined by the State of Florida Sunshine and Public Records Laws; all responses, data and information contained in this Proposal are true and accurate. **Proposer agrees to complete and unconditional acceptance of the contents of all pages in this Request for Proposals (RFP), and all appendices and the contents of any Addenda released hereto; Proposer agrees to be bound to any and all specifications, terms and conditions contained in the Request for Proposals, and any released Addenda and understand that the following are requirements of this RFP and failure to comply will result in disqualification of Proposal submitted.**

Signature of Proposer's Authorized Representative (**blue ink preferred on original**) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Proposer's Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Proposer's Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Entries must be completed in ink or typewritten.** This original Required Response Form must be fully executed and submitted with this Proposal (see Section 4.1.4).

## 2.0 INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 The School Board of Broward County, Florida (hereinafter referred to as "SBBC") desires to receive Proposals from individuals or firms for professional Federal and State Lobbying Services as described herein. The State Lobbyists shall be experienced and knowledgeable in Pre-K-20 education, and also be knowledgeable of performance accountability systems. The State Lobbyists will lobby the legislative and executive branches of the Florida state government on the School Board's behalf. The State Lobbyists will actively and continuously lobby the State Legislature, Governor, Cabinet, Commissioner of Education and Florida Board of Education and their staffs to assist the School Board in several key areas including, but not limited to the following:

- (a) Florida's Education Finance Program (FEFP);
- (b) Overall sources of educational funding;
- (c) Florida's educational policy;
- (d) Florida's educational regulations;
- (e) Florida's implementation of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- (f) Florida's implementation of Title I;
- (g) Florida's implementation of Title VI;
- (h) Florida's implementation of IDEA and related legislation;
- (i) Housing and Community Development;
- (j) Other School Board priorities.

The Federal Lobbyist will lobby the legislative and executive branches of the federal government, including federal agencies, and shall possess the necessary skills to counsel SBBC on strategies concerning legislative and administrative advocacy to assist them in their federal funding goals for the District. The Federal Lobbyist shall be experienced and knowledgeable in Pre-K-20 education, and shall also be knowledgeable of performance accountability systems. The Federal Lobbyist will actively and continuously lobby members of Congress, the Secretary of Education, the U.S. Department of Education, and other appropriate agencies and staff members to assist SBBC in several key areas including, but not limited to:

- (a) Overall sources of educational funding;
- (b) Federal education policy;
- (c) Federal education regulations;
- (d) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- (e) Title I;
- (f) Title III
- (g) Title VI;
- (h) Title IX
- (i) Individuals with Disabilities (IDEA) and related legislation;
- (j) Housing and Community Development;
- (k) Other School Board priorities.

Broward County is located in the southeastern coast of Florida. As of the 2010 census, Broward County encompasses approximately 1,200 square miles of land. The unincorporated area encompasses approximately 12.4 square miles. As of 2012, total county population is approximately 1.7 million making it the second most populated area in the state.

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is the sixth largest public school system in the United States, the second largest in the state of Florida and Florida's first fully accredited school system since 1962. BCPS has over 265,000 students and approximately 175,000 adult learners in 238 schools, centers and technical colleges, and 103 charter schools. Students are from 208 different countries and speak 181 different languages. Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) currently employs approximately 25,500 full-time employees.

BCPS is governed by a nine (9) member Board (SBBC); of which seven (7) members are elected from single member districts and two (2) members are elected on a county-wide basis (at-large). All terms of office are staggered. A Superintendent of Schools is appointed by SBBC to implement and manage the District and its policies.

BCPS owns and operates the Broward Education Communications Network (BECON) which is licensed by the FCC to provide educational programming to the South Florida Community. BECON is the only non-PBS educational broadcast station in South Florida providing significant local origination community programming.

## **2.0 INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION (Cont.)**

2.2 It is the intent of the SBBC to select multiple Lobbyists to supply the services necessary to represent the SBBC, as defined herein. For lobbying services, there will be one or more lobbyists selected (the number of lobbyists recommended for award shall be determined by the Evaluation Committee. The State lobbyist(s) will lobby the State Legislature and separately lobby the Executive Branch (Governor, Cabinet, Commissioner of Education and Florida Board of Education) of Florida State government. The State and Federal Lobbyists chosen by SBBC must agree to be available at all times upon reasonable request to meet with SBBC Board Members, Superintendent, and other District staff as specified in order to perform the responsibilities assigned, and to attend and represent SBBC at any State or Federal legislative committee meeting(s) or meet with the Governor, members of Congress, Cabinet or Cabinet members, or federal agencies on matters covered under the scope of this RFP.

2.3 **Questions and Interpretations:** Any questions concerning any portion of this RFP must be submitted, in writing, to **Mr. Charles V. High, C.P.M., A.P.P., MBA, Purchasing Agent IV, Procurement & Warehousing Services Department, 754-321-0527** at the address listed in Section 6.1 or via facsimile 754-321-0533 or via e-mail [charles.high@browardschools.com](mailto:charles.high@browardschools.com). Any questions which require a response which amends the RFP document in any manner will be answered via Addendum by the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department and provided to all Proposers. No information given in any other matter will be binding on SBBC.

Any questions concerning any condition or requirement of this RFP must be received in the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department, in writing, **on or before 5:00 p.m. ET August 16, 2016**. Questions received after this date and time will not be answered. Submit all questions to the attention of the individual stated above. If necessary, an Addendum will be issued. Any verbal or written information, which is obtained other than by information in this RFP document or by Addenda, shall not be binding on SBBC.

2.4 **Contract Term:** The purpose of this RFP is to establish a contract beginning **January 1, 2017 and continuing through December 31, 2019**. The term of the contract may, by mutual agreement between SBBC and the Awardee, be extended for two additional one-year periods and, if needed, 180 days beyond the expiration date of the renewal period. Procurement & Warehousing Services Department, will, if considering renewing, request a letter of intent to renew from each Awardee, prior to the end of the current contract period. The Awardee will be notified when the recommendation has been acted upon by the School Board. All costs shall be firm for the term of the contract as stated in Section 2.5 of this RFP. The Proposer agrees to this condition by signing its Proposal.

2.5 **Price Adjustments:** Prices offered shall remain firm for the term of the contract.

2.6 **Submittal Of Proposal:** Submit Proposals in accordance with Section 4.0. Proposals should be organized and shall include necessary information as to be in full compliance with this Section. In order to facilitate the Proposal evaluation process, special attention should be paid to organizing Proposals in a manner consistent with Section 4.0. SBBC reserves the right to reject and not consider any Proposal that is not submitted in accordance with Section 4.0 or that does not include any necessary information.

2.7 **Evaluation and Award:** All proposals received must meet the Minimum Eligibility Requirements as stated in Section 4.2 of the RFP in order to be further considered for evaluation. Failure to meet the Minimum Eligibility Requirements shall result in disqualification of entire proposal and shall not be considered for further evaluation. Those proposals which meet the minimum requirements shall be further evaluated and scored by an Evaluation Committee. **General Condition 7.1, Liability, is NOT subject to negotiation and any Proposal that fails to accept these conditions will be rejected as "non-responsive".**

All responsive Proposals will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Committee") based upon the information submitted by Proposers in response to Section 4.0 and in accordance with the evaluation criteria established in Section 5.0 for Category a.) Experience and Qualifications and Category b.) Scope of Services. Category c.) Cost of services will be determined by mathematical calculation and Category d.) Minority/Women Business Participation will be evaluated and scored by the District's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program staff. Based upon the evaluation of Proposals, the Committee will recommend Proposer(s) to SBBC for award. The number of firms to be recommended is solely at the discretion of the Committee.

### **3.0 CALENDAR**

August 2, 2016	Release of RFP 17-003V
August 16, 2016	Written questions due on or before 5:00 p.m. ET in Procurement & Warehousing Services Department
August 29, 2016	Proposals due on or before 2:00 p.m. ET in Procurement & Warehousing Services Department. Proposal opening will be at 7720 West Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704.*
September 12, 2016	Evaluation Committee reviews Proposals and makes Recommendation for award. Meeting to be held at Procurement & Warehousing Services Department 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323 Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704 at 9:00 a.m.*
September 14, 2016	Posting of Recommendation

\*These are public meetings. SBBC prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Executive Director, Benefits & EEO Compliance at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEO) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

**4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL**

4.1 In order to maintain comparability and facilitate the review process, it is requested that Proposals be organized in the manner specified below. Include all information requested herein in your Proposal.

4.1.1 **Title Page:** Include RFP number, subject, the name of the Proposer, address, telephone number and the date.

4.1.2 **Table of Contents:** Include a clear identification of the material by section and by page number.

4.1.3 **Letter of Transmittal:** Include the names of the persons who will be authorized to make representations for the Proposer, their titles, addresses and telephone numbers.

4.1.4 **Required Response Form:** (Page 1 of RFP) with all required information completed and all signatures as specified (blue ink preferred on original). Any modifications or alterations to this form shall not be accepted and Proposal will be rejected. The enclosed original Required Response Form will be the only acceptable form.

4.1.5 **Notice Provision:** When any of the parties desire to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by US Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified; the place for giving notice shall remain such until it is changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of the paragraph. **This information must be submitted with the Proposal or within three days of request.** For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice:

To SBBC: Superintendent of Schools  
The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
600 SE 3rd Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

With a Copy to: Director of Legislative Affairs  
The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
600 SE 3rd Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Name of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Proposer, Corporation and Agency)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

With a Copy to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Position of Designee of Proposer,  
Corporation and Agency)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)



**4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

The SBBC’s Procurement & Warehousing Services Department shall determine whether each Proposer meets the Minimum Eligibility requirements of Section 4.2 and shall only deliver Proposals meeting the Minimum Eligibility requirements to the Evaluation Committee for further evaluation.

4.2 **Minimum Eligibility:** In order to be considered for award and to be further evaluated, Proposer must meet or exceed the following criteria as of the opening date of the Proposal. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF PROPOSAL.** The Proposer is responsible for providing the following information in its response. The Proposer must also include a statement of acknowledgement for each item below.

4.2.1 Proposer must meet or exceed the requirements of Section 7.1, Indemnification. Will your company meet or exceed the requirements as written in Section 7.1 for this contract?  Yes  No **Do not check both boxes.**

4.2.2 A **minimum of five (5) years** providing professional federal and/or state lobbying services and within the five years, **three (3) years** must have been providing such services to local government(s) or school districts. Written proof of this experience must be provided with submitted proposal. **Each person or firm engaged in state lobbying services on behalf of SBBC must be registered as a legislative and executive lobbyist with the State of Florida at the time of RFP opening.** Proof of this registration must be provided with submitted proposal. **For Federal lobbying services, proof of compliance with the Lobbying Disclosure Act must be provided with submitted proposal.**

<b><u>Name/Address of Government Agency or School District.</u></b> <b><u>Include contact information.</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Years</u> providing State and/or Federal Lobbying Services with a Government Agency or School District.</b>

**Check List: Do not check both boxes.**

Is written proof of State and/or Federal Lobbyist experience provided in Section 4.2.2?  Yes  No

Is written proof of State Lobbyist registration with the State of Florida provided in Section 4.2.2.?  Yes  No

Is written proof of Federal Lobbyist compliance with the Lobby Disclosure Act provided in Section 4.2.2?  
 Yes  No

4.2.3 Proposer must have an active registration to do business in the State of Florida by registering their business on [www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org) at the time of RFP opening.

4.3 State under what other or former name(s) the Proposer is currently operating under or has operated under.

4.4 **Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation):** This section represents the information that will be utilized in the evaluation of Proposals received and assignment of points in accordance with the evaluation criteria established in Section 5.0 for Proposals submitted. Proposers are cautioned to read this section carefully and respond with full complete information that will assist the Evaluation Committee in evaluating Proposal submitted. **Proposers are requested to respond in the format and organizational structure stated and to refrain from including promotional or advertisement materials in their Proposal.** The maximum allowable points (See Section 5.0) that will be awarded for each section are stated. Failure to respond or incomplete responses to any evaluation criteria below will result in zero or reduced allocation of points for the criteria and may result in disqualification of entire Proposal.

**4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

**4.4 Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation):**

**4.4.1 Proposer's Qualifications – (Maximum 35 allowable points)**

4.4.1.1 **Executive Summary** – Submit a brief abstract stating the Proposer's understanding of the nature and scope of the services to be provided and capability to comply with all terms and conditions of RFP.

4.4.1.2 Complete, and return, with your Proposal, **Attachment B** of the RFP.

4.4.1.3 Complete and return, with your Proposal **Attachment F** of the RFP

4.4.1.4 Describe the type of Lobbyist position you are applying for (you may mark both boxes):

State of Florida Lobbyist       Federal Lobbyist

4.4.1.5 **Company Profile** – Submit responses to the following if you are a firm or company only. Individuals see Section 4.4.1.6.

4.4.1.5.1 a) Provide an overview and history of your company.  
b) How long as your company been in business?  
c) What types of services do you perform?

4.4.1.5.2 a) Identify all parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates of your organization.  
b) Describe the ownership structure of your organization, including any significant or controlling equity holders.  
c) Provide a management organizational chart of your overall organization, showing director and officer positions and names and reporting structure.  
d) Provide detailed information for the segments of your organization that would be performing the Lobbyist services showing the reporting structure within these segments and among these segments the overall organization.  
e) Describe any organizational changes such as divestitures, acquisitions, or spinoffs that have occurred in the last two (2) years or are anticipated in the future that involve the segment of your organization what would be performing the Lobbyist services.

4.4.1.5.3 Proposer must be licensed to do business in its area of expertise in the State of Florida. Proposer shall submit with their Proposal a copy of such required licenses and shall maintain the appropriate licenses during the term of the contract and any extensions. Failure to maintain this requirement shall be cause for immediate termination of contract.

4.4.1.6 **Individual Profile** - Submit responses to the following if you are an individual only. Firm or company see Section 4.4.1.5.

4.4.1.6.1 Provide the number of years in providing state or federal lobbying services.

4.4.1.6.2 Provide a current resume which includes your level of experience and governmental agencies serviced.

## **4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

### **4.4 Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation):**

#### **4.4.1 Proposer's Qualifications**

##### **4.4.1.7 Qualification of Firm or Company and Individual Lobbyists.**

- 4.4.1.7.1 a) Describe, in detail, the qualifications your firm has to conduct the services requested by this RFP.
- b) Describe the key individuals who would comprise your firm's team for providing the services requested by this RFP. Include a resume or curriculum vitae for each individual.
- c) For each individual, state the percentage of his or her time that would be devoted to this RFP.

##### **4.4.1.8 Staffing and Management Plan (Firm or Company).**

- 4.4.1.8.1 Provide background information regarding the staff assigned to this RFP, their roles and qualifications, emphasizing prior work experience with issues pertaining to government agencies and school districts. Also include the depth of personnel at the firm who are qualified to work on future projects.
- a) Number and size of the projects presently being performed by the firm and the proposed staff;
- b) Number and types of projects the firm and its staff have completed;
- c) The firm or the staff's ability to bring about a successful completion of similar projects in the past;
- d) The number and types of projects that would be concurrently undertaken by assigned staff.

##### **4.4.1.9 Key Partnerships (Firm or Company and Individuals).**

- 4.4.1.9.1 Describe relationships with members of congress, congressional staff, members of the legislature, legislative staff, agency officials, administrative staff, etc., that would indicate your ability to effectively position SBBC to achieve funding and other SBBC goals. Offer descriptions of any other resources such as alliances, partnerships or relationships that would support Proposer in advancing SBBC's interests.

##### **4.4.1.10 Financial and Legal Considerations (Firm or Company and Individuals).**

- 4.4.1.10.1 Has there, or within the last three (3) years, been any litigation or governmental or regulatory action pending or threatened against the Proposer that might have a bearing on your ability to provide services to SBBC? If so, completely identify and describe each such lawsuit or proceeding.
- 4.4.1.10.2 Identify all lawsuits filed during the past five (5) years in which a business or government agency of your firm or individual has claimed that Proposer failed to properly provide any aspect of the type of service(s) requested by this RFP.

## **4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

### **4.4 Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation):**

#### **4.4.1 Proposer's Qualifications**

4.4.1.10.3 Proposer is to specify their total revenue for the past three years (specifically individuals) and any other information that Proposer would want SBBC to consider in assessing your financial viability and capacity to perform the services of this RFP.

4.4.1.10.4 For firms, provide documents sufficient for SBBC to verify the Proposer's financial status, including to the extent available audited financial statements for the past three years, annual reports for the past three years, 10-K reports for the past three years and the DUNS number.

#### **4.4.1.11 State or Federal Lobbying Experience (Firms and Individuals).**

4.4.1.11.1 Provide a list of clients for whom Proposer has provided or are providing state lobbying or federal consulting services or related work. For each client provide the following information:

- (a) Client's name;
- (b) Names, titles, address(es) and phone numbers for contact for each client;
- (c) Duration of the relationship;
- (d) Types of services provided;
- (e) Was Proposer the prime contractor?

4.4.1.11.2 Provide a detailed summary of your knowledge and experience in securing funds for public infrastructure or public services through the state or federal appropriation process and through state or federal discretionary grant programs.

#### **4.4.1.12 State and Federal Lobbying Issues (to be answered by all Proposers)**

4.4.1.12.1 Briefly describe key issues facing Pre-K-12 education (state and/or national).

4.4.1.12.2 What is your sense of the larger agenda concerning potential state and/or national legislation expected to be filed during the next session?

4.4.1.12.3 Briefly describe legislative trends concerning Pre-K-12 education (state and/or national) over the past three to four years.

4.4.1.12.4 What do you consider to be the top three (3) challenges facing BCPS?

4.4.1.12.5 Briefly describe strategies that can be employed to address the above challenges.

**4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

**4.4 Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation) (Continued):**

4.4.2 **Scope of Services Provided – (Maximum 35 allowable points):** Clearly indicate how the Proposer can accomplish each of the following Scope of Services provided below. Proposer may provide comment(s) with each section, if applicable. Proposer will need to answer the section below for which he/she has indicated their job requirement. Proposer can provide a check mark for the appropriate column. Deviations must be stated below. Minimum must include the following:

4.4.2.1 **STATE OF FLORIDA –LOBBYIST**

Section	Scope of Service	Yes, Can Comply	Yes, Can Comply But With Stated Deviations	No, Cannot Comply or Provide
4.4.2.1.1	Lobbyist shall represent the SBBC and the Superintendent of Schools (hereinafter referred to as "Superintendent").			
4.4.2.1.2	Lobbyist shall meet with the SBBC and Superintendent, or designee(s) and confer with respect to state legislative issues regarding the Board's fiscal and programmatic interests.			
4.4.2.1.3	Lobbyist shall participate in the development and promotion of the SBBC's state legislative program.			
4.4.2.1.4	Lobbyist shall perform and participate in specific legislative tasks as assigned.			
4.4.2.1.5	Executive branch lobbyist and legislative branch lobbyist shall establish and maintain positive working relationships with both branches of state government to enhance necessary intergovernmental relations beneficial to the SBBC.			
4.4.2.1.6	Lobbyist shall arrange meetings with appropriate agency officials, State Board of Education members, legislators, and Cabinet officials as requested.			
4.4.2.1.7	Lobbyist shall advocate for the SBBC's legislative program and legislative priorities.			
4.4.2.1.8	Lobbyist shall represent the SBBC and Superintendent in local and state conferences and meetings related to state legislative and governmental issues as requested by the Superintendent; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform all routine legislative duties during the pre-session committee meetings and the legislative session;</li> <li>• Coordinate legislative activities, duties and responsibilities with the Superintendent or his designee; and</li> <li>• Provide any written reports as may be required by the SBBC or the Superintendent or his designee.</li> </ul>			

**4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

**4.4 Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation) (Continued):**

**4.4.2 Scope of Services Provided (Continued)**

**4.4.2.1 STATE OF FLORIDA – LOBBYIST (Continued)**

Section	Scope of Service	Yes, Can Comply	Yes, Can Comply But With Stated Deviations	No, Cannot Comply or Provide
4.4.2.1.9	Lobbyist shall advance SBBC’s legislative agenda by participating in or coordinating the following meetings as requested by the Superintendent; additional meetings may be added or deleted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Pre-Session Legislative Committees;</li> <li>• Legislative Committees;</li> <li>• Regular and Extended Legislative Sessions;</li> <li>• Broward Delegation Meetings;</li> <li>• Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards;</li> <li>• Florida School Board Association (FSBA);</li> <li>• Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS);</li> <li>• Florida Education Legislative Liaisons (FELL);</li> <li>• Staff and School Board Meetings, as determined by the Superintendent;</li> <li>• State Cabinet/Agency Staff Meetings, as needed; and</li> <li>• Meet quarterly (or upon request) with the Superintendent or his designee(s) to provide written report of activities and efforts relating to the representation and promotion of SBBC and Superintendent., the development and promotion of the District’s legislative programs, and any other relevant activities.</li> </ul>			
4.4.2.1.10	Lobbyist(s) must coordinate efforts with members of lobbying team to maximize value.			
4.4.2.1.11	Lobbyist will provide adequate staffing for District representation at appropriate committee meetings.			

**4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

**4.4 Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation) (Continued):**

**4.4.2 Scope of Services Provided (Continued)**

**4.4.2.1 STATE OF FLORIDA –LOBBYIST (Continued)**

Section	Scope of Service	Yes, Can Comply	Yes, Can Comply But With Stated Deviations	No, Cannot Comply or Provide
4.4.2.1.12	Lobbyist will participate in team efforts to plan and facilitate Board member’s involvement in Broward Days and other visits to Tallahassee including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address (with Board members, staff and team):                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) “Hot topics” for both legislators and Board members;</li> <li>2) “Tips” for presentation of District’s legislative program including talking points; and</li> <li>3) “Primer” for new Board members and staff.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Visits with legislators:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Recommend group or individual visits based on Board member feedback and legislative preference;</li> <li>2) Coordinate appointments for Board members:                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Set appointments for those requesting;</li> <li>b) Incorporate appointments by individuals into “master schedule”;</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) Manage logistics (schedule/location changes)</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Develop overall strategy to maximize Board member/staff time and impact.</li> </ul>			
4.4.2.1.13	Lobbyist to articulate plan for Board member’s involvement with FSBA and Consortium as part overall legislative strategy.			
4.4.2.1.14	Lobbyist to develop out-of-session plan to engage legislators and advocate District priorities.			
4.4.2.1.15	Lobbyist to engage legislators when not in session (with particular focus on non-delegation members), and encourage school visitation.			
4.4.2.1.16	Lobbyist to participate in planning and content development for Legislative Education & Action Resource.			

**4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

**4.4 Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation) (Continued):**

**4.4.2 Scope of Services Provided (Continued)**

**4.4.2.1 STATE OF FLORIDA – LEAD LOBBYIST (Continued)**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Scope of Service</b>	<b>Yes, Can Comply</b>	<b>Yes, Can Comply But With Stated Deviations</b>	<b>No, Cannot Comply or Provide</b>
4.4.2.1.17				
4.4.2.1.18	Lobbyist will participate in School Board Workshop to present and discuss legislative plan.			
4.4.2.1.19	Lobbyist will ensure individual accountability for each item of plan (consultant/staff) and formulate measurable goals utilizing knowledge of performance accountability systems.			
4.4.2.1.20	Lobbyist will plan to leverage existing District partnerships to cross-promote common legislative issues.			
4.4.2.1.21	Lobbyist will participate in utilization of performance evaluation instrument.			

**4.4.2.2 FEDERAL LOBBYIST**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Scope of Service</b>	<b>Yes, Can Comply</b>	<b>Yes, Can Comply But With Stated Deviations</b>	<b>No, Cannot Comply or Provide</b>
4.4.2.2.1	Lobbyist shall meet, as required, with the SBBC and the Superintendent or his designee(s) at mutually agreed times and confer with respect to issues before the United States Congress and/or the United States Department of Education and other federal agencies having a bearing on the Board's fiscal, operational, and programmatic interests.			
4.4.2.2.2	Lobbyist shall participate in the development and promotion of the SBBC's federal legislative program.			
4.4.2.2.3	Lobbyist shall perform and participate in specific legislative tasks as assigned.			
4.4.2.2.4	Lobbyist to provide interpretation, summaries, analyses and explanation of all federal legislation, appropriations and regulations to the Superintendent or designee(s) and staff of Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) responsible for implementing and managing federal programs, as appropriate.			
4.4.2.2.5	Lobbyist shall track and report on developments related to the federal budget, federal appropriations and philanthropic funding streams and initiatives, for which the SBBC could be a recipient, to the Superintendent or designee(s).			



**4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

**4.4 Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation) (Continued):**

**4.4.2 Scope of Services Provided (Continued)**

**4.4.2.3 FEDERAL LOBBYIST (Continued)**

Section	Scope of Service	Yes, Can Comply	Yes, Can Comply But With Stated Deviations	No, Cannot Comply or Provide
4.4.2.2.6	Lobbyist shall establish and maintain positive working relationships with members of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate as appropriate and the agencies of the Executive Branch of the federal government to enhance necessary intergovernmental relations beneficial to the Board and to advance the SBBC's objectives.			
4.4.2.2.7	Lobbyist shall arrange and attend meetings locally and in Washington, DC with appropriate members of Congress the executive branch or federal agency officials as requested by the Superintendent or his designee(s).			
4.4.2.2.8	Lobbyist shall represent the SBBC and the Superintendent at local and national meetings related to federal legislative and governmental issues, as determined and approved in advance by the Superintendent or his designee(s).			
4.4.2.2.9	Lobbyist shall coordinate federal legislative activities, duties and responsibilities with the Superintendent or his designee(s).			
4.4.2.2.10	Lobbyist shall advocate for the SBBC's legislative program and legislative priorities.			
4.4.2.2.11				
4.4.2.2.11	Lobbyist shall provide regular updates on federal and national issues to the Superintendent and any written reports, as may be required, by the Superintendent or his designee.			
4.4.2.2.12	Lobbyist shall meet quarterly (or upon request) with the Superintendent or his designee(s) to provide written reports of activities and efforts relating to the representation and promotion of SBBC and the Superintendent, the development and promotion of the District's legislative programs, and other related activities.			
4.4.2.2.13	Lobbyist shall research and identify grant funding or other opportunities for funds under the federal legislative system.			
4.4.2.2.14	Lobbyist shall assist the SBBC and Superintendent in formulating the Federal Legislative Program.			
4.4.2.2.15	Lobbyist will assume accountability for each item of plan (consultant/staff) and formulate measurable goals, utilizing knowledge of performance accountability systems.			

**4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

**4.4 Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation) (Continued):**

**4.4.2 Scope of Services Provided (Continued)**

**4.4.2.3 FEDERAL LOBBYIST (Continued)**

Section	Scope of Service	Yes, Can Comply	Yes, Can Comply But With Stated Deviations	No, Cannot Comply or Provide
4.4.2.2.16	Lobbyist will participate in utilization of performance evaluation instrument.			

**4.4.3 Cost of Services - (20 points maximum):** SBBC agrees to pay Awardee(s) as stated below for services provided under this RFP in equal monthly installments. It is to be understood that general travel, operating and any other out-of-pocket expenses shall be borne by Awardee(s). SBBC will reimburse Awardee(s) for travel expenses, meals and lodging incurred by Awardee in its representation of SBBC at "special" legislative sessions called by the Governor or the Legislature with the approval of the Superintendent or designee. These allowable expenses must follow School Board Policy 3400, **Attachment G**. Sections 4.4.3.1 and 4.4.3.2 shall be evaluated separately.

Proposer shall offer a "single" monthly rate for services as offered in Section 4.4.1.4 for the term of the contract.

4.4.3.1 State of Florida – Lobbyist: \$\_\_\_\_\_ /Month X 24 Months = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Total)

4.4.3.2 Federal Lobbyist: \$\_\_\_\_\_ /Month X 24 Months = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Total)

**Distribution of Points** will be calculated as a percentage of cost increase as compared to the lowest cost proposal received. **Each job title will be considered individually.** For example, Proposer A submits a total cost for a State Lobbyist of \$36,000 and Proposer B submits a cost of \$40,000 and Proposer C submits a cost of \$42,000; Proposer A would receive 100% for that job title (20 Points) because Proposer A submitted the lowest cost. Proposer B would receive 90% (\$36,000/\$40,000) (18 Points) and Proposer C would receive 86% (\$36,000/\$42,000) (17 Points). Proposer may submit a cost for one job title or both job titles.

**4.0 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL (Continued)**

**4.4 Evaluation Criteria - (Proposer Qualifications, Scope of Services, Costs of Services and M/WBE Participation) (Continued):**

4.4.4 **M/WBE Participation: (Maximum 10 allowable points):** SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program administers a Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program. An M/WBE is defined by SBBC as any legal entity, other than a joint venture, which is organized to engage in commercial transactions and which is a least 51% owned, operated and controlled by minorities or women. M/WBE vendors that are participating on this project must be listed on the M/WBE Participation Form located in the Attachments of this bid package. **M/WBE participation is strongly encouraged.** If the Bidder is a Certified M/WBE by SBBC, Bidder also should be listed on the M/WBE Participation Form.

M/WBE vendors utilized for this contract must be certified by SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program Office prior to submission of bid proposal. For information on M/WBE Certification, contact SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program at 754-321-0550. SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program works to increase the participation of minority and women business enterprise in construction and purchasing contracts. It is the intent of the Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program to have a diverse group, as well as an equitable distribution of M/WBEs participating on any award of this Proposal.

To find M/WBE firms to partner with during the term of this contract, please go to the following link:  
<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/supply/sdop/vendorlist.html>

<b><u>M/WBE Information:</u></b> Proposer will be evaluated and points awarded based on the evaluation criterion 4.4.4.1, 4.4.4.2 and 4.4.4.3 depending on the information submitted by the Proposer		<b>Maximum Points</b>
4.4.4.1	Identify the M/WBE firm or firms who will be working with you on this engagement (see <b>Attachment A3</b> , M/WBE Participation). Indicate the extent and nature of the M/WBE's work with specificity, as it relates to the services as described in this RFP, including the percentage of the total costs which will be received by the M/WBE firm in connection with this Proposal (See <b>Attachment A3</b> ). Provide proof, in writing, that each proposed firm to be utilized as an M/WBE is certified by The School Board of Broward County, Florida. Any participation by firms not certified with SBBC at the time of proposal submission will not count towards M/WBE goal attainment.	<b>10</b>
4.4.4.2	Proposer shall provide staff diversity information by completing and submitting <b>Attachment A2</b> , Employment Diversity Statistics.	<b>0</b>
4.4.4.3	Proposer shall submit information of its involvement in the minority community. Such evidence may include, but not be limited to, minority sponsored events, purchases made from minority companies, scholarship contributions targeting minority students, financial contributions and/or other corporate resources for community projects benefitting minorities.	<b>0</b>
	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> .....	<b>10</b>
	The Awardee will be required to submit a Monthly Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Subcontractor Utilization Report (Utilization Report)(see <b>Attachment A1</b> ) to the Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program, which will track payments to M/WBEs. In addition to the Utilization Report, Awardee(s) shall provide proof of payment made to each M/WBE Subcontractor which shall take the form of cancelled checks or check register photocopies, or any other valid form of documentation that serves to substantiate all payment amounts included in the Utilization Report. The timing of the Utilization Report shall coincide with invoice submission, whether the M/WBE(s) received payment or not, until all committed remuneration has been received by the M/WBE(s). <b><u>State your willingness to comply with this requirement.</u></b>	
	Awardee must provide the Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program a 30-day written notice for substitution of an M/WBE Proposer. <b><u>State your willingness to comply with this requirement.</u></b>	

**5.0 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

5.1 The Evaluation Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Committee"), shall evaluate all Proposals received, which meet or exceed Section 4.2, Minimum Eligibility Requirements and Section 7.1 Indemnification, according to the following criteria:

<b><u>CATEGORY</u></b>	<b><u>MAXIMUM POINTS</u></b>
A. Experience and Qualifications	35
B. Scope of Services	35
C. Cost of Services	20
D. Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program	
D.1 Participation	6
D.2 Diversity	2
D.3 Community Outreach	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

Failure to respond, provide detailed information or to provide requested Proposal elements may result in the reduction of points in the evaluation process. The Committee may recommend the rejection of any proposal containing material deviations from the RFP. The Committee may recommend waiving any irregularities and technicalities. If only one responsive proposal is received, the Committee will proceed without scoring the one responsive proposal and may negotiate the best terms and conditions with that sole proposer or may recommend the rejection of all proposals as permitted by Section 6A-1.012(12)(c), F.A.C."

5.2 The Committee reserves the right to ask questions of a clarifying nature once Proposals have been opened, require presentations from all Proposers, interview any or all Proposers that respond to the RFP, or make their recommendations based solely on the information contained in the Proposals submitted. Presentations, if required, will be part of the evaluation process.

5.3 Based upon Section 5.1, the Committee, at its sole discretion, may commence negotiations with selected Proposer(s). The Committee reserves the right to negotiate any term, condition, specification, or price (other than Section 4.2 and Section 7.1) with a selected Proposer(s). In the event that mutually agreeable negotiations cannot be reached with a Proposer, the Committee may negotiate with the next ranked Proposer(s), and so forth. An impasse may be declared by the Committee at any time. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Superintendent. The Superintendent may choose to post the recommendation as its intended action of the District in accordance with Section 120.57(3) Florida Statutes or the Superintendent may choose to return the recommendation to the Committee for further deliberations consistent with the RFP.

5.4 **Award:** It is the intent of SBBC to select multiple Lobbyists to supply the services necessary to represent SBBC, as defined herein. For the State Lobbyists, there will be one or more lobbyists (the number of lobbyists recommended for award shall be determined by the Evaluation Committee) will be selected. A single Federal Lobbyist will be selected. SBBC intends to approve only the Proposer(s) that have complied with the terms, conditions and requirements of the overall RFP and receive 70 points or higher from the Committee and approval will be based on the scores ascribed to Proposals as outlined in Evaluation Process and will be made for the goods and services required by SBBC as stated in the RFP. Evaluation of Proposals will be based on an average of Evaluation Committee Member's points. After the conclusion of negotiations, the recommended award would be made for the goods and services sought in the RFP in accordance with the terms of negotiations. Any Agreement resulting from these negotiations must be approved by SBBC's Attorney, must be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, and must have venue established in the 17<sup>th</sup> Court of Broward County, Florida or the United States Court of the Southern District of Florida. This Agreement approved by SBBC's Attorney will be submitted to SBBC for final approval. **Approval shall not be a guarantee of business, a guarantee of specified volume of service or minimum dollar revenue to be received on this contract.**

## **6.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

- 6.1 The complete original hard-copy Proposal properly completed and signed must be submitted in a sealed envelope and received **on or before 2:00 p.m. ET, August 29, 2016** at the following address in order to be considered:

PROCUREMENT & WAREHOUSING SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323  
Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704  
**Attention: RFP 17-003V – Federal and State Lobbying Services**

**One complete, original hard-copy Proposal** (clearly marked as such), and **one complete, original electronic version** (all clearly marked as "original") will constitute the original governing documents. The electronic version in PDF format on CD/flash drive and **12 printed copies** (which must be identical to the original Proposal, **including any supplemental information/marketing materials**), of the RFP Proposal, including the **REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM** (Page 1 of RFP 17-003V), must be fully executed and returned on or before 2:00 p.m. ET on date due to the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department in accordance with the submittal requirements. All Proposals shall be submitted in sealed packaging with RFP number and the Proposer's firm name clearly marked on the exterior of package.

- 6.2 **JOINT VENTURES:** In the event multiple Proposers submit a joint Proposal in response to the RFP, a single Proposer shall be identified as the Prime Proposer. If offering a joint Proposal, Prime Proposer must include the name and address of all parties of the joint Proposal. Prime Proposer shall provide all bonding and insurance requirements, execute any Contract, complete the **REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM** shown herein, have overall and complete accountability to resolve any dispute arising within this contract. Only a single contract with one Proposer shall be acceptable. Prime Proposer responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, performing of overall contract administration, preside over other Proposers participating or present at SBBC meetings, oversee preparation of reports and presentations, and file any notice of protest and final protest as described herein. Prime Proposer shall also prepare and present a consolidated invoice(s) for services performed. SBBC shall issue only one check for each consolidated invoice to the Prime Proposer for services performed. Prime Proposer shall remain responsible for performing services associated with response to this RFP.

### 6.3 **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- 6.3.1 **GENERAL LIABILITY:** Limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Bodily Injury/ Property Damage; \$1,000,000 General Aggregate. Limits not less than \$1,000,000 for Products/Completed Operations Aggregate.
- 6.3.2 **WORKER'S COMPENSATION:** Florida Statutory limits in accordance with Chapter 440; Employer's Liability limits not less than \$100,000/\$100,000/\$500,000 (each accident/disease-each employee/disease-policy limit).
- 6.3.3. **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY:** Limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence covering services provided under this contract.
- 6.3.4 **AUTO LIABILITY:** Owned, Non-Owned and Hired Auto Liability with Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of not less than \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit.  
If Awardee does not own any vehicles, hired and non-owned automobile liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be accepted. In addition, an affidavit signed by the Awardee must be furnished to SBBC indicating the following:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Awardee Name) does not own any vehicles. In the event insured acquires any vehicles throughout the term of this agreement, insured agrees to provide proof of "Any Auto" coverage effective the date of acquisition. (Fax affidavit with Certificate of Insurance to SBBC Risk Management at 866-897-0424.)
- 6.3.5 **ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURANCE CARRIERS:** The insurance policies shall be issued by companies qualified to do business in the State of Florida. The insurance companies must be rated at least A- VI by AM Best or Aa3 by Moody's Investor Service.

## 6.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

### 6.3 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued):

- 6.3.6 **VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE:** Proof of the required insurance must be furnished by an Awardee to SBBC Risk Management Department by Certificate of Insurance within 15 days of notification of award. All certificates (and any required documents) must be received and approved by SBBC before any work commences to permit Awardee time to remedy any deficiencies. **FAX CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE TO SBBC RISK MANAGEMENT AT 866-897-0424.**
- 6.3.7 **REQUIRED CONDITIONS:** Liability policies must contain the following provisions. In addition, the following wording must be included on the Certificate of Insurance:  
**The School Board of Broward County, FL, its members, officers, employees and agents are added as additional insured. The endorsement # is: \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**All liability policies are primary of all other valid and collectable coverage maintained by the School Board of Broward County, Florida.**  
(\*Please include the Contract # and Title on the Certificate of Insurance.)  
**(Certificate Holder: School Board of Broward County, 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.)**
- 6.3.8 **CANCELLATION OF INSURANCE:** Vendors are prohibited from providing services under this contract with SBBC without the minimum required insurance coverage and must notify SBBC within two business days if required insurance is cancelled.
- 6.3.9 **The School Board of Broward County, Florida reserves the right to review, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverage's or endorsements, herein throughout the term of this contract.**

### 6.4 AWARDEE ACCOUNTING RECORDS AND RIGHT TO AUDIT PROVISIONS:

- 6.4.1 Awardee's and Sub-Contractor's records shall include, but not be limited to, accounting records, payroll time sheets, audited and unaudited financial statements to substantiate payment rates and income, written policies and procedures, Sub-Contractor's files and any other supporting evidence necessary to substantiate payments and income related to this Agreement (all the foregoing herein after referred to as "records") shall be open to inspection and subject to audit and/or reproduction, during normal working hours, by SBBC's agent or its authorized representative to the extent necessary to adequately permit evaluation and verification of any invoices, payments or claims submitted by the Awardee(s) or any of his/her payees pursuant to the execution of the Agreement. Such records subject to examination shall also include, but not be limited to, those records necessary to evaluate and verify payments and any other matters or items associated with this Agreement.
- 6.4.2 For the purpose of such audits, inspections, examinations and evaluations, SBBC's agent or authorized representative shall have access to said records from the effective date of this Agreement, for the duration of the work, and until five (5) years after the date of final payment by Awardee(s) pursuant to this Agreement. All payments which cannot be documented as paid as required by the Agreement and found not to be in compliance with the provisions of this Agreement, shall be reimbursed to SBBC.
- 6.4.3 SBBC's agent or its authorized representative shall have access to the Awardee's facilities, shall have access to all necessary records and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space, in order to conduct audits in compliance with this article. SBBC's agent or its authorized representative shall give audited firm reasonable advance notice of intended audits.
- 6.4.4 Awardee(s) shall certify that payments are accurate and correct on each and every payment. If an audit reveals discrepancies, such as an over payment, the Awardee will be required to reimburse SBBC for the discrepancy with a minimum of eighteen percent (18%) per annum.
- 6.4.5 If an audit inspection or examination in accordance with this article, discloses over payments (of any nature) to the Awardee(s) by SBBC in excess of ten percent (10%) of the total payments, the actual cost of SBBC's audit shall be paid by the Awardee as well as the over payments by SBBC.
- 6.5 **FLORIDA BIDDER'S PREFERENCE:** General Condition 7.2.4 does not apply to this RFP as no personal property is being purchased.

## **6.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **6.6 W-9 FORM**

6.6.1 All Proposers are requested to complete the attached W-9, Attachment C, and submit with their Proposal.

6.7 **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**: It is understood and agreed that the Awardee(s) are an independent contractor and not an employee of SBBC, and that no associate or employee of the Awardee(s) shall be deemed to be an employee of SBBC for any purpose whatsoever. Awardee's services are being provided to assist the normal business described of the School District and are not integrated into such business except for the specific purposes described in this RFP.

6.8 **CONSULTING TECHNIQUES**: Awardee(s) shall be solely responsible for and have control over the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures used for providing all services performed under this RFP. However, Awardee(s) shall coordinate with SBBC for any project assigned to it under this RFP. SBBC shall not be responsible for providing training for the Awardee(s) as to methods to be used and in representing SBBC and the Superintendent of Schools.

6.9 **EVALUATION OF SERVICES**: The success or failure of the Awardee(s) shall be determined by the results of its services as evaluated by SBBC and the Superintendent of Schools.

6.10 **DISCLOSURE OF CLIENTS**: Awardee(s) shall disclose to SBBC the names of its lobbying clients known to Awardee(s) to have business interests pending with SBBC.

6.11 **OTHER CLIENTS**: This RFP does not restrict the Awardee's right to provide the same or similar services to other clients of the Awardee(s) provided that the provision of such services does not conflict with Awardee's representation of SBBC. However, the Awardee(s) agree not to lobby SBBC on behalf of any other client during the term of this RFP. Furthermore, Awardee(s) stipulate that it will ensure that any conflict of interest arising with regard to any other client of Awardee(s) will be resolved in favor of SBBC in the performance of Awardee's local, state and federal responsibilities under this RFP.

6.11.1 **Subcontractors**: In the event the Awardee(s) sub-contract any of the services performed under this Agreement, SBBC retains the right to approve the sub-contractor prior to the initiation of services. Awardee(s) stipulates that it will ensure that any conflict of interest arising with regard to any other client of sub-contractor will be resolved in favor of SBBC in the performance of Awardee's local, state and federal responsibilities under this RFP.

6.12 **ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL**: Any additional personnel necessary for the Awardee(s) to fulfill its responsibilities shall be employed by the Awardee(s) at its sole expense.

6.13 **OFFICE EXPENSES**: Awardee(s) shall be responsible, at its sole expense, for all related business expenses including, but not limited to, providing materials, equipment, office space, license, and other requirements necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of this RFP.

## **7.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 7.1 **LIABILITY:** This General Condition of the RFP is NOT subject to negotiation and any Proposal that fails to accept these conditions will be rejected as "non-responsive".
- 7.1.1 By SBBC: SBBC agrees to be fully responsible up to the limits of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, for its acts of negligence, or its employees' acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence.
- 7.1.2 By AWARDEE: AWARDEE agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend SBBC, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs and all other sums which SBBC, its agents, servants and employees may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every claim or demand, or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the products, goods or services furnished by the VENDOR, its agents, servants or employees; the equipment of the AWARDEE, its agents, servants or employees while such equipment is on premises owned or controlled by SBBC; or the negligence of AWARDEE or the negligence of AWARDEE's agents when acting within the scope of their employment, whether such claims, judgments, costs and expenses be for damages, damage to property including SBBC's property, and injury or death of any person whether employed by the AWARDEE, SBBC or otherwise.
- 7.2 **SEALED PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:** The "Required Response Form" must be completed, signed and returned with your submitted proposal. To be considered, all proposals must be delivered in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the words "Proposal Documents", Request for Proposal (RFP) number and the title of the RFP and received in the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department no later than the specified date and time for the Request for Proposal opening.
- 7.2.1 **PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the responsibility of the Proposer to be certain that all numbered pages of the RFP and all attachments thereto are received and all Addendum released are received prior to submitting proposal without regard to how a copy of this RFP was obtained.
- 7.2.2 **PROPOSAL SUBMITTED:** Completed proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the RFP number and name clearly typed or written on the front of the envelope. Proposals must be time stamped in Procurement & Warehousing Services Department **on or before 2:00 p.m. ET on date due** for proposal to be considered. Proposals will be opened at 2:00 p.m. ET on date due. Failure to timely submit such proposal shall disqualify the Proposer and such proposal will be either returned to the Proposer or stored and unopened. **NO FAXED PROPOSALS SHALL BE ACCEPTED. The School Board of Broward County (SBBC) reserves the right to reject any proposal that fails to comply with these submittal requirements.**
- 7.2.3 **EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL:** Proposal must contain an original manual signature (**in blue ink**) of an authorized representative, who can bind the company to the requirements of the RFP, in the space provided on the Required Response Form. All proposals must be typewritten. It is requested that the submitted proposal follow the exact format as outlined in the RFP.
- 7.2.4 **BIDDING PREFERENCE LAWS:** The State of Florida provides a Proposer's preference for Florida vendors for the purchase of personal property. **SERVICES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THIS REQUIREMENT.** The local preference is five (5) percent. Proposers outside the State of Florida must have an Attorney, licensed to practice law in the out-of-state jurisdiction, as required by Florida Statute 287.084(2), execute the "**Opinion of Out-of-State Bidder's Attorney on Bidding Preferences**" form and must submit this form with the submitted proposal. Such opinion should permit SBBC's reliance on such attorney's opinion for purposes of complying with Florida Statute 287.084. Florida Proposers must also complete its portion of the form. Failure to submit and execute this form, with the proposal, shall result in proposal being considered "non-responsive" and proposal rejected. **See Minimum Eligibility Requirements of the RFP.**
- 7.3 **SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS:** All Proposers are reminded that it is the sole responsibility of the PROPOSER to assure that their proposal is time stamped in **PROCUREMENT AND WAREHOUSING SERVICES on or before 2:00 p.m. ET on date due.** The address for proposal submittal, including hand delivery and overnight courier delivery, is indicated as: **7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704.** The Proposer is fully and completely responsible for the payment of all delivery costs associated with the delivery of their proposal or related material. Procurement and Warehousing Services will not accept delivery of any proposal or related material requiring the School Board to pay for any portion of the delivery cost or the complete delivery cost. Prior to proposal submittal, it is the responsibility of the Proposer to be certain that all Addenda released have been received, that all Addendum requirements have been completed, and that all submittals required by the Addendum have been timely filed. (See General Condition 7.2.2)



## **7.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 7.4 **ORIGINAL DOCUMENT FORMAT:** Only the terms and conditions of this solicitation, as they were released by SBBC, or amended via Addendum, are valid. Any modification to any term or condition by a vendor is not binding unless it is expressly agreed to, in writing, by SBBC.
- 7.5 **PRICES QUOTED:** All prices for goods quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination and freight prepaid (Proposer pays and bears freight charges). Proposer owns goods in transit and files any claims unless otherwise stated in the Special Conditions of the RFP. In case of a discrepancy in computing the amount of the proposal, the **Unit Price** quoted shall govern. For services, the unit price shall be all- inclusive of services performed.
- a) **TAXES:** The School Board of Broward County, Florida does not pay Federal Excise and State taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property. The applicable tax exemption number is shown on the Purchase Order. This exemption does not apply to purchases of tangible property made by contractors who use the tangible personal property in the performance of contracts for the improvement of School Board owned real property as defined in Chapter 192 of the Florida Statutes.
- b) **MISTAKES:** Proposers are expected to examine the specifications, delivery schedules, proposal prices and extensions, and all instructions pertaining to supplies and services. Failure to do so will be at the Proposer's risk.
- c) **CONDITIONS AND PACKAGING:** It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this proposal shall be new (current production model at the time of this proposal) unless otherwise specified in this RFP. All containers shall be suitable for storage or shipment and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging.
- d) **UNDERWRITERS' LABORATORIES:** Unless otherwise stipulated in the proposal, all manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall be UL listed where such has been established by UL for the item(s) offered and furnished. In lieu of the UL listing, Proposer may substitute a listing by an independent testing laboratory recognized by OSHA under the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NTRL) Recognition Program.
- e) **PROPOSER'S CONDITIONS:** Proposal conditions and specifications shall not be changed, altered or conditioned in any way. The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to reject any conditional proposal.
- 7.6 **SAMPLES:** Samples of items, when required, must be furnished free of expense within five (5) working days unless otherwise stated in the RFP or by the Purchasing Agent's letter to the Proposer requesting the sample(s). If the Proposer must have the sample(s) returned, then the sample(s) will be returned at the Proposer's expense. Proposer(s) will be responsible for the removal of all sample(s) furnished within thirty (30) days after the award of the RFP. All sample(s) will be disposed of after thirty (30) days after award of the RFP.
- Each individual sample must be labeled with the Proposer's name, RFP Number and item number. Failure of the Proposer to either deliver required sample(s) or to clearly identify samples as indicated may be reason for rejection of the proposal item. Unless otherwise indicated in the RFP, sample(s) should be delivered to the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida, 33351-6704.
- 7.7 **DELIVERY:** All deliveries shall be F.O.B. Destination point. **Shipping points offered other than F.O.B. Destination shall be rejected.** Unless actual date of delivery is specified (or specified delivery cannot be met), show number of days required to make delivery after receipt of Purchase Order in space provided. Delivery time may become a basis for making an award (see Special Conditions). Delivery shall be within the normal working hours of the user, Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays and days during which the school district administration is closed.
- 7.8 **INTERPRETATIONS:** Any questions concerning conditions and specifications must be submitted in writing and received by the Procurement and Warehousing Services Department as requested in the Conditions of the RFP, Information. If necessary, an Addendum will be issued.
- 7.9 **EVALUATION COMMITTEES AND PROPOSALS:** SBBC and its Proposal Evaluation Committees evaluate and negotiate all Proposals in accordance with State Statutes 119.071 and 286.0113.
- 7.10 **AWARDS:** In the best interest of SBBC, the Procurement & Warehousing Services Department reserves the right to withdraw this RFP at any time prior to the time and date specified for the RFP opening. The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received when there are sound documented business reason(s) that serve the best interest of SBBC. The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to accept any item or groups of items unless qualified by Proposer. All awards made as a result of this RFP shall conform to applicable Florida Statutes and be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, and must have venue established in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida or the United States Court of the Southern District of Florida.

## **7.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 7.11 **PROPOSAL OPENING:** Proposal opening shall be public, on the date and at the time specified in the RFP. Any proposal(s) received after that time shall not be considered.
- 7.12 **ADVERTISING:** In submitting a proposal, Proposer agrees not to use the results there from as a part of any commercial advertising without prior approval of the School Board.
- 7.13 **INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE & TITLE:** Inspection and acceptance will be at destination unless otherwise provided in the RFP. Title to/or risk of loss or damage to all items shall be the responsibility of the Awardee until acceptance by SBBC unless loss or damage resulting from negligence by SBBC. If the materials or services supplied to SBBC are found to be defective or not conform to specifications, SBBC reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the Awardee(s) and return product at Awardee's expense.
- 7.14 **PAYMENT:** Payment will be made by SBBC after the items awarded have been received, inspected, found to comply with award specifications and free of damage or defect and properly invoiced. Services will be paid after the service has been performed and meets the requirements of the RFP. All payments will be made by ACH (Automated Clearing House) for automatic deposits (credits).
- 7.15 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP:** Section 112.313 (3) and (7), Florida Statutes, sets forth restrictions on the ability of SBBC employees acting in a private capacity to rent, lease, or sell any realty, goods or services to SBBC. It also places restrictions on SBBC employees concerning outside employment or contractual relationships with any business entity which is doing business with SBBC. Each Proposer is to disclose any employees it has who are also SBBC employees by submitting **Attachment B, Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest and Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship**, with its proposal. Any employees identified by the Proposer when completing Attachment 1 should obtain legal advice as to their obligations and restrictions under Section 112.313 (3) and (7), Florida Statutes.
- 7.16 **INSURANCE:** Proposer, by virtue of submitting a proposal, shall be in full compliance with paragraph 7.24 LIABILITY INSURANCE, LICENSES AND PERMITS of the General Conditions. Insurance Requirements are shown in Section 6.3 of this RFP. Proposer shall take special notice that SBBC shall be named as an additional insured under the General Liability policy including Products Liability. (Refer to the Special Conditions of the RFP for the threshold requirements)  
The insurance policies shall be issued by companies qualified to do business in the State of Florida. The insurance companies must be rated at least A-VI by AM Best or Aa3 by Moody's Investor Service. All policies must remain in effect during the performance of the contract.
- 7.17 **LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS:** As of the RFP Opening Date, Proposer must have all Licenses, Certifications and Registrations required when performing the services as described herein, in order for proposal to be considered a responsive and responsible proposal. Licenses, Certifications and Registrations required for this RFP shall be as required by Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time; by the State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF), latest version; and by Broward County, Florida. Proposer must submit a copy of all its current Licenses, Certifications and Registrations required as described herein, either with its proposal or within five working days of notification.  
*An Awardee who has any License, Certification or Registration either suspended, revoked or expired after the date of the Bid Opening, shall provide notice to the Director of Procurement & Warehousing Services Department within five (5) working days of such suspension, revocation or expiration. However, such suspension, revocation or expiration after the date of the RFP opening shall not relieve the Awardee of its responsibilities under a contract awarded under this RFP.*
- 7.18 **DISPUTES:** In the event of a conflict between the documents, the order of priority of the documents shall be as follows:  
a) Any Agreement resulting from the award of this RFP; then  
b) Addenda released for this RFP, with the latest Addendum taking precedence; then  
c) The RFP; then  
d) Awardee's proposal.  
In case of any doubt or difference of opinion, the decision of SBBC shall be final and binding on both parties.
- 7.19 **PATENTS & ROYALTIES:** Awardee(s), without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless The School Board of Broward County, Florida and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by The School Board of Broward County, Florida. If the Awardee(s) uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent, or copyright, it is mutually understood and agreed without exception that the proposal prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device or materials in any way involved in the work.

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- 7.20 **OSHA:** Awardee warrants that the product(s) supplied to The School Board of Broward County, Florida shall conform in all respects to the standards set forth in the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended, and the failure to comply with this condition will be considered as a breach of contract.
- 7.21 **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** The Superintendent or Designee has the authority to issue Special Conditions and Specifications as required for individual proposals. Any and all Special Conditions that may vary from these General Conditions shall have precedence.
- 7.22 **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Executive Director, Benefits, Employment Services & EEO Compliance at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.
- 7.23 **QUALITY:** All materials used for the manufacture or construction of any supplies, materials or equipment covered by this RFP shall be new unless otherwise specified. The items bid must be new, the latest model, of the best quality and highest grade workmanship. Product(s) offered that have not been previously used in any way and are being actively marketed by the manufacturer will be accepted. Minor parts within the product(s) may have remanufactured components. Therefore, **reconditioned, refurbished, rebuilt, discontinued, used, shop worn, demonstrator, prototype or other type of product(s) of this kind are not acceptable and will be rejected.**
- 7.24. **LIABILITY INSURANCE, LICENSES AND PERMITS:** Where Awardees are required to enter or go onto School Board property to deliver materials or perform work or services as a result of a RFP award, the Awardee agrees to The Hold Harmless Agreement stated herein and will assume the full duty obligation and expense of obtaining all necessary licenses, permits and insurance. The Awardee shall be liable for any damages or loss to the School Board occasioned by negligence of the Awardee (or agent) or any person the Awardee has designated in the completion of the contract as a result of their bid.
- 7.25. **BID BONDS, PERFORMANCE BONDS AND CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE:** Bid bonds, when required, shall be submitted with the proposal in the amount specified in Special Conditions. Bid bonds will be returned to non-Awardees. After acceptance of the proposal, the School Board will notify the Awardee to submit a performance bond and certificate of insurance in the amount specified in Special Conditions. Upon receipt of the performance bond, the bid bond will be returned to the Awardee.
- 7.26. **CANCELLATION:** In the event any of the provisions of this RFP are violated by the Awardee, the Superintendent shall give written notice to the Awardee stating the deficiencies and unless deficiencies are corrected within five days (or as required), recommendation will be made to the School Board for immediate cancellation of the Awardee's contract.
- 7.27 **BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:** Invoices, unless otherwise indicated, must show Purchase Order numbers and shall be submitted in duplicate to The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Accounting and Financial Reporting Department, Attn: Accounts Payable, 600 S.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301. Payment will be made a minimum of 30 days after delivery, authorized inspection and acceptance. When vendors are directed to send invoices to a school, the school will make direct payments to the vendor.
- 7.28. **DELIVERING TO MATERIALS LOGISTICS CENTRAL (WAREHOUSE):** Receiving hours are Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays and days during which the school district administration is closed) **7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**
- 7.29 **SUBSTITUTIONS:** The School Board of Broward County, Florida **WILL NOT** accept substitute shipments of any kind. Awardees are expected to furnish the brand/manufacturer quoted in their proposal once awarded by the School Board. Any substitute shipments shall be returned at the Awardee's expense.
- 7.30. **FACILITIES:** SBBC reserves the right to inspect the Awardee's facilities at any time with prior notice. SBBC may use the information obtained from this in determining whether a Proposer is a responsible bidder.
- 7.31 **ASBESTOS AND FORMALDEHYDE STATEMENT:** All building materials, pressed boards, and furniture supplied to SBBC shall be **100% asbestos free. It is desirous that all building materials, pressed boards and furniture supplied to the School Board also be 100% formaldehyde free.** Proposer, by virtue of bidding, certifies by signing proposal that, if awarded this RFP, only building materials, pressed boards, and/or furniture that is **100% asbestos free** will be supplied.
- 7.32 **ASSIGNMENT:** Neither any award of this RFP nor any interest in any award of this RFP may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by any party without the prior written consent from the Director, Procurement and Warehousing Services. There shall be no partial assignments of this RFP including, without limitation, the partial assignment of any right to receive payments from SBBC.

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- 7.33 **EXTENSION:** In addition to any extension options contained herein, SBBC is granted the right to extend any award resulting from this RFP for the period of time necessary for SBBC to release, award and implement a replacement RFP for the goods, products and/or services provided through this RFP. Such extension shall be upon the same prices, terms and conditions as existing at the time of SBBC's exercise of this extension right. The period of any extension under this provision **shall not be for a period in excess of six months** from (a) the termination date of a contract entered into as a result of this bid or (b) the termination date under any applicable period of extension under a contract entered into as a result of this bid.
- 7.34 **OMISSION FROM THE SPECIFICATIONS:** The apparent silence of this specification and any Addendum regarding any details or the omission from the specification of a detailed description concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best available units or service shall be provided and the best commercial practices are to prevail, and that only materials and workmanship of first quality are to be used. All interpretations of this specification shall be made upon the basis of this Agreement.
- 7.35 **SUBMITTAL OF INVOICES:** All Proposers are hereby notified that any invoice submitted as a result of the award of this RFP must be in the same format as any Purchase Order released as a result of the award of this RFP. **Each line of the invoice must reference a corresponding single line shown on the Purchase Order.** A single invoice line must not correspond to or commingle the cost shown on multiple Purchase Order lines. An invoice submitted that does not follow the same format and line numbering as shown on the Purchase Order will be deemed to be not correct, and will be returned to the vendor by the Accounts Payable Department for correction. Address for submitting invoices is included on Purchase Order.
- 7.36 **PURCHASE AGREEMENT:** This RFP, written Agreement, and the corresponding Purchase Orders will constitute the complete agreement. SBBC will not accept proposed terms and conditions that are different than those contained in this RFP, including pre-printed text contained on catalogs, price lists, other descriptive information submitted or any other materials. By virtue of submitting a proposal, Awardee(s) agrees to not submit to any SBBC employee, for signature, any document that contains terms and conditions that are different than those contained herein and that in the event any document containing any term or condition that differs from those contained herein is executed, said document shall not be binding on SBBC.
- 7.37 **SBBC INFORMATION SECURITY GUIDELINES:** It is the responsibility of the Awardee to read and adhere to the SBBC Information Security Guidelines when using any device connected to the SBBC's network. Following the conclusion of the contract term, all of SBBC's confidential information must be removed from Awardee's equipment and all access privileges must be revoked. Final payment will be withheld until the Awardee has confirmed, in writing, that all SBBC's confidential information has been purged from any and all electronic technology devices that were used during this contract and were connected to the SBBC's network.
- 7.38 **MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE) CERTIFICATION/PARTICIPATION:** SBBC has implemented a Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program as part of the SBBC's competitive solicitation and contracting activity in accordance with School Board Policy 7007-A Administrative Procedures for The School Board of Broward County, Florida's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program. The purpose of the program is to utilize available minority and women businesses within the Board's market area to compete for the award of SBBC construction and purchasing contracts. M/WBE vendors utilized for this contract must be certified by SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program Office prior to submission of bid proposal. **For information on M/WBE Certification, contact SBBC's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program at 754-321-0550 or <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/supply/sdop/index.html>.**
- 7.39 **SBBC PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BADGE:**  
**Background Screening:** Awardee agrees to comply with all the requirements of Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes, and that Awardee and all its personnel who (1) are to be permitted access to school grounds when students are present, (2) will have direct contact with students, or (3) have access or control of school funds will successfully complete the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. **Personnel shall include employees, representatives, agents or sub-contractors performing duties under the contract to SBBC, and who meet any or all of the three requirements identified above.** This background screening will be conducted by SBBC in advance of Awardee or its personnel providing any services. Awardee will bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required under Section 1012.32, Florida Statutes, and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to Awardee and its personnel. The Parties agree that the failure of Awardee to perform any of the duties described in this section shall constitute a material breach of this ITB entitling SBBC to terminate immediately with no further responsibilities or duties to perform under this Agreement. Awardee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SBBC, its officers and employees of any liability in the form of physical or mental injury, death or property damage resulting in Awardee's failure to comply with the requirements of this section or Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes.  
**SBBC issued identification badges must be worn at all times when on SBBC property and must be worn where they are visible and easily readable.**

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### 7.39 SBBC PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BADGE (Cont'd):

As of 7/01/15, Fieldprint, Inc. has been contracted to provide all background and fingerprinting services. All questions pertaining to fingerprinting, photo identification and background check services must be directed to the Project Coordinator at 754-321-1830 or 754-321-2374. **Each individual, for whom a SBBC photo identification badge is requested, must be registered into the Fieldprint, Inc. applicant enrollment website.** A background check will be conducted for each badge applicant. SBBC reserves the right to require additional information, should it be necessary, and to deny the issuance of a badge to an applicant. Any applicant, that has been denied a badge, is prohibited from entering SBBC property as an employee, sub-contractor or agent of a contract Awardee. **Applicant enrollment and scheduling website is [www.fieldprintflorida.com](http://www.fieldprintflorida.com).** The total fee(s) for the SBBC photo identification badge, fingerprinting and a FBI background check can be found at the following website: [http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/police/pdf/seccl/FIELDPRINT\\_CODES.pdf](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/police/pdf/seccl/FIELDPRINT_CODES.pdf). Payment options can be made by electronic check (e-check), Visa, MasterCard or use of an established escrow account code. **These fees are non-refundable and are subject to change without notice. Badges are issued for a one-year period and must be renewed annually. The renewal date will be one year from date of issuance. Failure to renew the badge, at that time, will result in the vendor being required to re-apply and pay the going rate for badging and fingerprinting.**

**Vendors shall return expired and/or terminated employee badges to the following location: The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Attn: Fieldprint, Inc., 600 S.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.**

### 7.40 PROTESTING OF BID CONDITIONS/SPECIFICATIONS: Any person desiring to protest the conditions/specifications in this RFP, or any Addenda subsequently released thereto, shall file a notice of intent to protest, in writing, **within 72 hours after electronic release of the competitive solicitation or Addendum** and shall file a formal written protest within ten calendar days after the date the notice of protest was filed. Saturdays, Sundays, state holidays or days during which the school district administration is closed shall be excluded in the computation of the 72 hours. If the tenth calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, state holiday or day during which the school district administration is closed, the formal written protest must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. ET of the next calendar day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, state holiday or day during which the school district administration is closed. Section 120.57(3)(b), Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, states that **“The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based.”**

Failure to file a notice of protest or to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed by Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or a failure to post the bond or other security required by SBBC Policy 3320, within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. The failure to post the bond required by SBBC Policy 3320, Part VIII, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. Notices of protest, formal written protests, and the bonds required by SBBC Policy 3320, shall be filed at the office of the Director, Procurement and Warehousing Services, 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704 (fax 754-321-0936). Fax filing will not be acceptable for the filing of bonds.

### 7.41 POSTING OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS/TABULATIONS: RFP Recommendations and Tabulations will be posted in Procurement and Warehousing Services and on [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com) on **September 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. ET**, and will remain posted for 72 hours. Any change to the date and time established herein for posting of RFP Recommendations/Tabulations shall be posted in Procurement and Warehousing Services and/or at [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com) (under the document section for this RFP). In the event the date and time of the posting of RFP Recommendations/Tabulations is changed, it is the responsibility of each Proposer to ascertain the revised date of the posting of RFP Recommendations/Tabulations. Any person desiring to protest the intended decision shall file a notice of protest, in writing, within 72 hours after the posting of the RFP tabulation and shall file a formal written protest within ten calendar days after the date the notice of protest was filed. Saturdays, Sundays, state holidays and days during which the school district administration is closed shall be excluded in the computation of the 72 hours. If the tenth calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, state holiday or day during which the school district administration is closed, the formal written protest must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. ET of the next calendar day that is not a Saturday or Sunday, state holiday or days during which the school district administration is closed. No submissions made after the Bid opening amending or supplementing the Bid shall be considered. Section 120.57(3)(b), Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, states that **“The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based”**. Any person who files an action protesting an intended decision shall post with SBBC, **at the time of filing the formal written protest**, a bond, payable to SBBC, in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of SBBC's estimate of the total volume of the contract. SBBC shall provide the estimated contract amount to the Proposer within 72 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and other days during which SBBC administration is closed, of receipt of notice of intent to protest. The estimated contract amount is not subject to protest pursuant to Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes. The bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all costs which may be adjudged against the protestant in an Administrative Hearing in which the action is brought and in any subsequent appellate court proceeding. In lieu of a bond, SBBC may accept a cashier's check, official bank check or money order in the amount of the bond. If, after completion of the Administrative Hearing process and any appellate court proceedings, SBBC prevails, SBBC shall recover all costs and charges which shall be included in the Final Order or judgment, including charges made by the Division of Administrative Hearings, but excluding attorney's fees. Upon payment of such costs and charges by the protestant, the bond shall be returned. If the protestant prevails, then the protestant shall recover from the School Board all costs and charges which shall be included in the Final Order or judgment, excluding attorney's fees. **All documentation necessary for the protest proceedings will be provided electronically by SBBC.**

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**Failure to file a notice of protest or to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed by Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or a failure to post the bond or other security required by SBBC Policy 3320 within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. The failure to post the bond required by SBBC Policy 3320, Part VIII, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. Notices of protests, formal written protests, and the bonds required by Policy 3320, shall be filed at the office of the Director, Procurement and Warehousing Services, 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704 (fax 754-321-0936). Fax filing will not be acceptable for the filing of bonds.**

- 7.42 **AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF AWARDEE'S DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS:** The District or its representative reserves the right to inspect and/or audit all the Awardee's documents and records as they pertain to the products and services delivered under this agreement. Such rights will be exercised with notice to the Awardee to determine compliance with and performance of the terms, conditions and specifications on all matters, rights and duties, and obligations established by this agreement. Documents/records in any form shall be open to the District or State's representative and may include but are not limited to all correspondence, ordering, payment, inspection, and receiving records, contracts or sub-contracts that directly or indirectly pertain to the transactions between the District and the Awardee(s). (See Special Conditions of the RFP)
- 7.43 **CREDIT CARDS:** Individual schools and departments may place some orders and utilize, as the form of payment, a District-issued credit card to the extent authorized by the School Board. These orders will be made via phone or fax for direct delivery and billing to the requesting work location. Please note that credit card purchases will benefit all vendors by providing immediate payment (i.e. within 48-72 hours), thereby eliminating the need to submit an invoice to the District's Accounts Payable Department or reconcile receivable balances. For credit card purchases, all vendors must have the capability to accept fax orders, which must be confirmed by calling back the requesting work location to verify prices and obtain a credit card number. Only actual items shipped/delivered can be charged to the credit card account (i.e., no back-orders). All purchase deliveries must include a packing slip or receipt/invoice listing the items and prices of goods delivered. For security reasons, the credit card charge receipt showing the work location's credit card number cannot be attached to the packing slip or receipt/invoice submitted as part of the purchase delivery. District work locations may request that a vendor maintains secure records of the credit card account assigned an alias or password, to avoid divulging the actual credit card number upon every purchase.
- 7.44 **NONCONFORMANCE TO CONTRACT CONDITIONS:** Items or services offered may be tested for compliance with RFP conditions and specifications at any time. Items delivered, not conforming to RFP conditions or specifications, may be rejected and returned at vendor's expense. Services not conforming to RFP specifications shall be corrected and performed again to meet the specifications of the RFP at the expense of the Awardee. Goods or services not delivered as per delivery date in RFP and/or Purchase Order may be rejected upon delivery and/or may be purchased on the open market. Any increase in cost may be charged against the Awardee. Any violation of these stipulations may also result in:
- a) Cancellation and default of contract;
  - b) For a period of two years, any proposal submitted by vendor will not be considered and will not be recommended for award.
  - c) All departments being advised not to do business with vendor.
- 7.45 **CONE OF SILENCE:** Any proposer, or lobbyist for a proposer, is prohibited from having any communications (except as provided in this rule) concerning any solicitation for a competitive procurement with any School Board member, the Superintendent, any Evaluation Committee Member, or any other School District employee after Procurement and Warehousing Services releases a solicitation to the General Public. All communications regarding this solicitation shall be directed to the designated Purchasing Agent unless so notified by Procurement and Warehousing Services. This "Cone of Silence" period shall go into effect and shall remain in effect from the time of release of the solicitation until the contract is awarded by the School Board. Further, any vendor, its principals, or their lobbyists shall not offer campaign contributions to School Board Members or offer contributions to School Board Members for campaigns of other candidates for political office during the period in which the vendor is attempting to sell goods or services to the School Board. This period of limitation of offering campaign contributions shall commence at the time of the "cone of silence" period for any solicitation for a competitive procurement as described by School Board Policy 3320, Part II, Section GG as well as School Board Policy 1007, Section 5.4 – Campaign Contribution Fundraising. **Any vendor or lobbyist who violates this provision shall cause their Proposal (or that of their principal) to be considered non-responsive and therefore be ineligible for award.**
- 7.46 **TERMINATION:** This contract award may be terminated with or without cause by SBBC during the term hereof thirty (30) days after the Superintendent gives written notice to the other parties that a recommendation will be made to the School Board for the contract award's termination.
- 7.47 **PACKING SLIPS:** It will be the responsibility of the Awardee to attach all packing slips to the OUTSIDE of each shipment. Packing slip must reference SBBC Purchase Order number/control number. Failure to provide packing slip attached to the outside of shipment will result in refusal of shipment at vendor's expense.
- 7.48 **USE OF OTHER CONTRACTS:** SBBC reserves the right to utilize any other SBBC contract, any State of Florida Contract, any contract awarded by any other city or county governmental agencies, other school boards, other community college/state university system cooperative bid agreement, or to directly negotiate/purchase per School Board policy and/or State Board Rule 6A-1.012, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, in lieu of any offer received or award made as a result of this bid if it is in its best interest to do so.

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- 7.49 **PURCHASE BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES:** With the consent and agreement of the awarded contractor(s), purchases may be made under this RFP by other agencies. Such purchases shall be governed by the same terms and conditions as stated herein.
- 7.50 **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:** Section 287.133(2)(a), Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, states that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO [currently \$25,000] for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- 7.53 **SEVERABILITY:** In case of any one or more of the provisions contained in this RFP shall be for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void in any respect, the invalidity, illegality, unenforceability or unlawful or void nature of that provision shall not affect any other provision and this RFP shall be considered as if such invalid, unlawful, unenforceable or void provision had never been included herein.
- 7.54 **DISTRIBUTION:** DemandStar by Onvia, [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com), is the official method approved by Procurement and Warehousing Services for the distribution of all competitive solicitations including ITBs and RFPs. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to assure they have received all necessary documents, including Addenda and have included all necessary information within their response. SBBC is not responsible for Proposer's failure to obtain complete bidding documents from DemandStar. SBBC reserves the right to reject any bid as non-responsive for failure to include all necessary documents or required Addenda. For information regarding the above referenced solicitation, contact the designated Purchasing Agent as stated herein.
- 7.55 **PRICE REDUCTIONS:** If, from the date of proposal opening, the Awardee either bids the same products and/or services at a lower price than offered to SBBC or reduces the price of the proposed product or service, the lowest of these reduced prices will be extended to SBBC.
- 7.55 **LOBBYIST ACTIVITIES:** In accordance with SBBC Policy 1100B, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, persons acting as lobbyists must state, at the beginning of their presentation, letter, telephone call, e-mail or facsimile transmission to School Board Members, Superintendent or Members of Senior Management, the group, association, organization or business interest she/he is representing.
- a) A lobbyist is defined as a person who for immediate or subsequent compensation, (e.g., monetary profit/personal gain) represents a public or private group, association, organization or business interest and engages in efforts to influence School Board Members on matters within their official jurisdiction.
  - b) A lobbyist is not considered a person representing school-affiliated groups (e.g., PTA, DAC, Band Booster Associations, etc.) nor a public official acting in her/his official capacity.
  - c) Lobbyists shall annually (July 1) disclose in each instance and for each client prior to any lobbying activities, their identity and activities by completing the lobbyist statement form which can be obtained from Official School Board Records, School Board Member's Offices or the Superintendent's Office and will be recorded on The School Board of Broward County's website, [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com).
  - d) The lobbyist must disclose any direct business association with any current elected or appointed official or employee of SBBC or any immediate family member of such elected or appointed official or employee of SBBC.
  - e) Senior-level employees (Pay Grade 30 and above) and/or School Board Members are prohibited from lobbying activities for one year after resignation or retirement or expiration of their term of office.
- 7.56 **TIE BID PROCEDURES:** When identical prices are received from two or more vendors and all other factors are equal, priority for award shall be given to vendors in the following sequence:
- A business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 287.087, Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time;
  - The Broward County Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
  - The Palm Beach County or Miami-Dade County Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
  - The Florida Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
  - The Broward County vendor, other than a Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
  - The Palm Beach County or Miami-Dade County vendor, other than a Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
  - The Florida vendor, whose main office is in the State of Florida, other than a Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor.
  - If application of the above criteria does not indicate a priority for award, the award will be decided by a coin toss. The coin toss shall be held publicly in Procurement and Warehousing Services; the tie low bid vendors invited to be present as witnesses.

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Included as a part of the RFP documents is a Form entitled **SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 287.087, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS CURRENTLY ENACTED OR AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, ON PREFERENCE TO BUSINESSES WITH DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAMS.** This form will be used by the Proposer to certify that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program. The Required Response Form (Page 1 of this RFP) must be properly signed in order for the proposal to be considered. A Proposer cannot sign this form in lieu of properly signing the Required Response Form.

7.57 **AUDITING SERVICES POLICY 3100:** If the RFP is for auditing services and in accordance with Policy 3100 – Annual Financial Audit, the independent audit firm selected by the School Board shall serve at the discretion of the School Board for five (5) consecutive years; the firm selected shall not succeed itself as the School Board’s independent auditor except for the first selection when the current auditor will be exempted.

7.58 **CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS:** The Awardee acknowledges that certain information about the District’s students is contained in records created, maintained or accessed by the Awardee and that this information is confidential and protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) (20 U.S. C. 1232g), and/or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (45 CFR parts 160-164) and related District policies, as amended from time to time, currently available at [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com). The confidential information cannot be disclosed unless valid consent is obtained from the students or their legal guardians. Both parties agree to protect these records in compliance with FERPA, HIPAA, and the District’s policy. To the extent permitted by law, nothing contained herein shall be construed as precluding either party from releasing such information to the other so that each can perform its respective responsibilities.

*Awardee agrees that it may create, receive from or on behalf of the District, or have access to, records or record systems that are subject to FERPA and/or HIPAA (collectively, the "Confidential Records"). Awardee represents, warrants, and agrees that it will: (1) hold the Confidential Records in strict confidence and will not use or disclose the Confidential Records except as (a) permitted or required by this Agreement, (b) required by law, or (c) otherwise authorized by the District in writing; (2) safeguard the Confidential Records according to commercially reasonable administrative, physical and technical standards as required by law; and (3) continually monitor its operations and take any and all action necessary to assure that the Confidential Records are safeguarded in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. At the request of the District, Awardee agrees to provide the District with a written summary of the procedures Awardee uses to safeguard the Confidential Records. A breach of these confidentiality requirements shall constitute grounds for the District to terminate any Agreement with Awardee.*

7.59 **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, bids received as a result of this RFP shall not become public record until thirty (30) days after the date of opening or until posting of the recommendation for award, whichever occurs first. Thereafter, all RFP documents or other materials submitted by all Proposers in response to this RFP shall be open for inspection by any person and in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. To the extent a Proposer asserts any portion of its proposal is confidential and exempt, long with specific citations of the Florida Statutes establishing the confidentiality or exemption. Failure to identify the portions of the proposal claimed to be exempt or the specific statutory authority establishing the exemption shall be deemed a waiver by the Proposer that any unidentified portion of the proposal is confidential or exempt from disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Should a public records request for RFP documents or other materials submitted by a Proposer be submitted, SBBC shall notify the contact person identified in the proposal of the request in writing. The notice provided shall indicate that requested materials shall be produced unless, within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the written notification, the Awardee initiated an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to obtain an injunction or protective order prohibiting the release of the requested materials. Awardee shall name the party requesting the materials as a defendant and shall not name SBBC as a party to the action. Awardee agrees to hold SBBC harmless from any award to a plaintiff for damages, costs or attorney’s fees based on nondisclosure of information asserted to be confidential and exempt. Failure to timely initiate the action shall be deemed a waiver by the Awardee that the requested information is confidential and exempt. Awardee agrees to waive any cause of action it may have against SBBC for the release of materials pursuant to a public records request except those based on the intentional or grossly negligent conduct of any employee of SBBC. Submission by a Bidder in response to this RFP shall be deemed as Bidder’s consent to the foregoing conditions.

7.60 **SBBC INFORMATION SECURITY GUIDELINES:** It is the responsibility of the Awardee to read and adhere to the SBBC Information Security Guidelines when using any device connected to the SBBC’s network. Following the conclusion of the contract term, all of SBBC’s confidential information must be removed from Awardee’s equipment and all access privileges must be revoked. Final payment will be withheld until the Awardee has confirmed, in writing, that all SBBC’s confidential information has been purged from any and all electronic technology devices that were used during this contract and were connected to the SBBC’s network.



## **7.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 7.61 **CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY OR VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION - Lower Tier Covered Transactions:** Executive Order 12549, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, provides that, to the extent permitted by law, Executive departments and agencies shall participate in a government-wide system for non-procurement debarment and suspension. A person who is debarred or suspended shall be excluded from Federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits under Federal programs and activities. Except as provided in § 85.200, Debarment or Suspension, § 85.201, Treatment of Title IV HEA participation, and § 85.215, Exception Provision, debarment or suspension of a participant in a program by one agency shall have government-wide effect. A lower tier covered transaction is, in part, any transaction between a participant [SBBC] and a person other than a procurement contract for goods or services, regardless of type, under a primary covered transaction; and any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person, regardless of type, expected to equal or exceed the Federal procurement small purchase threshold fixed at 10 U.S.C. 2304(g) and 41 U.S.C. 253(g) (currently \$100,000) under a primary covered transaction; or any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person under a covered transaction, regardless of amount, under which that person shall have a critical influence on or substantive control over that covered transaction. A participant may rely upon the certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it and its principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. Each participant shall require participants in lower tier covered transactions to include the certification for it and its principals in any bid submitted in connection with such lower tier covered transactions.

### **CERTIFICATION**

- a) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this RFP, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- b) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this bid.

# **ATTACHMENT A**

- A1 M/WBE Utilization Report**
- A2 Employment Diversity Statistics**
- A3 M/WBE Participation**

Proposer's Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Monthly Utilization Reports to be Submitted to:</b>                  The School Board of Broward County, Florida                  Supplier Diversity &amp; Outreach Program                  7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323                  Sunrise, FL 33351-6704</p>	<p>754-321-0550 Telephone                   754-321-0934 FAX</p>
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**Monthly M/WBE Utilization Report**

**This report is required 15 days after the end of each month, whether the M/WBE(s) received payments or not, until all committed remuneration has been received by the M/WBE.**

1. Reporting Period From: \_\_\_\_\_ Reporting Period To: \_\_\_\_\_

This report is required by The School Board of Broward County, Florida. Failure to comply may result in the School Board commencing proceedings to impose sanctions on the Prime Vendor, in addition to pursuing any other available legal remedy. Sanctions may include the withholding of payments for work committed to M/WBE participants, and a negative recommendation to award further contracts bid by The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

**Prime Vendor Information**

NAME & ADDRESS OF PRIME VENDOR	CONTRACT AMOUNT (if applicable)	LENGTH OF CONTRACT	CONTRACT START DATE	CONTRACT END DATE	TOTAL % OR \$ AMOUNT TO MINORITY/ WOMEN
RFP Number: 17-003V  RFP Title: Federal and State Lobbying Services					

**SUPPLIER DIVERSITY & OUTREACH PROGRAM VENDOR INFORMATION**

NAME OF CERTIFIED M/WBE VENDOR	WORK DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DRAWN/PAID TO VENDOR	AMOUNT FOR WORK PERFORMED DURING MONTH	AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	% of TOTAL PAID TO CONTRACT AMOUNT

Company Official's Signature & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Employment Diversity Statistics

Proposer's Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the following employment diversity statistics by completing the chart below.

JOB CATEGORIES	TOTAL	NON-HISPANIC WHITE		NON-HISPANIC BLACK		HISPANIC		ASIAN		AMERICAN INDIAN/ ALASKA NATIVE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Officials and Managers											
Professionals											
Technicians											
Sales Workers											
Office and Clerical											
Craft Workers (Skilled)											
Operatives (Semi-Skilled)											
Laborers (Unskilled)											
Service Workers											
<b>TOTAL</b>											
<b>% of Total Workforce</b>											

**M/WBE PARTICIPATION**

Complete the following information on the proposed M/WBE participation on this contract.

**Proposer's Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>M/WBE Firm Information</b>	<b>Scope and/or Nature of Work to be Performed by the M/WBE</b>	<b>% of M/WBE Participation</b>	<b>Actual Amount to be expended with M/WBE *</b>
Firm Name: _____ Contact Person: _____ Address: _____ _____ Telephone No.: _____ Facsimile No.: _____ M/WBE Certification No.: _____ Certifying Agency Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Telephone No.: _____			
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Firm Name: _____ Contact Person: _____ Address: _____ _____ Telephone No.: _____ Facsimile No.: _____ M/WBE Certification No.: _____ Certifying Agency Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Telephone No.: _____			

\* PLEASE INDICATE IF AMOUNT TO BE EXPENSED IS: PER YEAR  - PER CONTRACT PERIOD  OR OTHER

# **ATTACHMENT B**

## **Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest and Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship**

The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
**RFP 17-003V – FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING SERVICES**

**DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP**

In accordance with General Condition 7.12, each Proposer must disclose, in its RFP, the names of any employees who are employed by Proposer who are also an employee of SBBC. Persons identified below may have obligations and restrictions applicable to them under Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

Name of Proposer's Employee	SBBC Title or Position of Proposer's Employee	SBBC Department/ School of Proposer's Employee
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Check one of the following and sign:

- I hereby affirm that there are no known persons employed by Proposer who are also an employee of SBBC.
- I hereby affirm that all known persons who are employed by Proposer, who are also an employee of SBBC, have been identified above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

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# **ATTACHMENT C**

## **W-9 Form**



**Request for Taxpayer  
Identification Number and Certification**

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

**Name** (as shown on your income tax return)

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**Business name/disregarded entity name**, if different from above

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Check appropriate box for federal tax classification:

Individual/sole proprietor     C Corporation     S Corporation     Partnership     Trust/estate

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Other (see instructions) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**Exemptions** (see instructions):

Exempt payee code (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

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**City, state, and ZIP code**

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List account number(s) here (optional)

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**Requester's name and address** (optional)

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**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I Instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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<b>Employer identification number</b>			
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**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out Item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, Item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

**Sign Here**

Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** The IRS has created a page on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) for information about Form W-9, at [www.irs.gov/w9](http://www.irs.gov/w9). Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

**Purpose of Form**

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

**Note.** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity.
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust, and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following information:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China Income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

### Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester.
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II Instructions on page 3 for details).
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN.
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

**What is FATCA reporting?** The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

**Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

**Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

**Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulation section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(ii). Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

**Note.** Check the appropriate box for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

**Limited Liability Company (LLC).** If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the U.S. federal tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation, as appropriate. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

**Other entities.** Enter your business name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

## Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the Exemptions box, any code(s) that may apply to you. See *Exempt payee code and Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3.

**Exempt payee code.** Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends. Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

**Note.** If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding:

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$500 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

- G—A real estate investment trust
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
- J—A bank as defined in section 581
- K—A broker
- L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
- M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

**Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note.** See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/businesses](http://www.irs.gov/businesses) and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note.** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

**Part II. Certification**

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. **Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
2. **Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.
3. **Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
4. **Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
5. **Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**What Name and Number To Give the Requester**

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee <sup>3</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The actual owner <sup>4</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.071-4(b)(2)(A))	The owner <sup>4</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.071-4(b)(2)(B))	The grantor <sup>4</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.071-4(b)(2)(B))	The trust

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see Special rules for partnerships on page 1.

\*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

**Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft**

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

**Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.** Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-368-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or contact them at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

**Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payors must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

# **ATTACHMENT D**

## **Drug-Free Workplace**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.087, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS CURRENTLY ENACTED OR AS
AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, ON PREFERENCE TO BUSINESSES WITH DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE
PROGRAMS.

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC
OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

This sworn statement is submitted to The School Board of Broward County, Florida,

by \_\_\_\_\_
(Print individual's name and title)

for \_\_\_\_\_
(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is \_\_\_\_\_

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is \_\_\_\_\_
(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement:
\_\_\_\_\_.)

I certify that I have established a drug-free workplace program and have complied with the following:

- 1. Published a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of
a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for
violations of such prohibition.
2. Informed employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business' policy of maintaining a drug-free
workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may
be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Given each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the
statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notified the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or
contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer
of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of chapter 893 or of any controlled substance
law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction.
5. Will impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if
such is available in the employee's community by, any employee who is so convicted.
6. Am making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.
(Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_)
OR Produced identification \_\_\_\_\_

(Type of identification) \_\_\_\_\_
Notary Public - State of \_\_\_\_\_
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed, typed or stamped commissioned name of notary public)

# **ATTACHMENT E**

## **Sample Agreement**

**AGREEMENT**

*NOTE: The blue font indicates places where text is to be provided by the contract administrator. The red font indicates any editing directions that should be deleted from the document before the contract is “signature ready.” The green font indicates text changes made since the last released version of the contract template.*

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, by and between

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
(hereinafter referred to as “SBBC”),  
a body corporate and political subdivision of the State of Florida,  
whose principal place of business is  
600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

and

**INSERT NAME OF OTHER PARTY**  
(hereinafter referred to as “*insert a short name here*”),  
whose principal place of business is  
*[insert their address here]*.

*[These “recitals” or “whereas clauses” are where the contract briefly explains the objectives to be served through the contract].*

WHEREAS, *[insert information in this portion of the document to explain the purposes and objectives for which the parties are entering into an agreement]*; and

WHEREAS, *[you may use as many of these recitals or “whereas clauses” as necessary to express the parties’ purposes and objectives]*.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 - RECITALS**

1.01 **Recitals.** The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and that such recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

**ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

2.01 **Term of Agreement.** Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 3.05 of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ and conclude on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_. The term of the Agreement may, by mutual agreement between SBBC and VENDOR be extended for two additional one-year periods and, if needed, 180 days beyond the expiration date of the renewal period. SBBC’s Procurement & Warehousing Services Department, will, if considering renewing, request a letter consenting to renewal from VENDOR, prior to the end of the term. Any renewal period shall be approved by an Amendment to this Agreement executed by both parties.



*[Article 2 should include sections detailing the duties and obligations of each party  
And should include a description of the goods or services to be provided,  
payments to be made, invoicing procedures, etc.]*

*[Use sections starting with Section 2.02 to specify the respective duties,  
responsibilities and obligations each party will have under the Agreement.  
You may use as many of these sections as are necessary].*

2.02 **Priority of Documents.** In the event of a conflict between documents, the following priority of documents shall govern.

First: This Agreement, then;  
Second: Addendum No. \_\_\_\_, then;  
Third: RFP Number and Title  
Fourth: Proposal submitted in response to the RFP by VENDOR

2.03 **Cost of Services.** SBBC shall pay VENDOR for services rendered under this Agreement in accordance with the following schedule (Costs may be stated here or on an Attachment)

2.04 **[Insert a Descriptive Title].** *Insert text.*

2.05

2.07 **Services.** VENDOR will provide SBBC with services as proposed in its Proposal and in compliance with this Agreement and the RFP and its Addenda.

OR

2.07 **Services.** VENDOR will provide SBBC with services as proposed in its Proposal and in compliance with this Agreement and the RFP and its Addenda and as specified in Attachment \_\_\_\_\_. (See 3.17)

2.08 **M/WBE Participation.** VENDOR is a Certified MBE (Type) with SBBC, Certificate #7007-\_\_\_\_\_.

OR

2.08 **M/WBE Participation.** As consideration for being awarded this contract agreement, VENDOR shall maintain \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_ %) M/WBE participation in this contract agreement. VENDOR has agreed to utilize \_\_\_\_\_ (M/WBE firm), Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ to provide \_\_\_\_\_ (products/services).

OR

As consideration for being awarded this contract agreement, *Insert Name* shall maintain \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_ %) M/WBE participation in this contract agreement. *Insert Name* will identify the M/WBE firm that provide a commercial useful function products and/or services in performing this contract agreement.

VENDOR shall obtain prior written approval from the Coordinator of Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program for any replacement of any of the entities listed above. Utilizing any entity other than the ones listed, respectively will be considered a breach of this Agreement. VENDOR is subject to debarment and any other remedy available for any breaches to this Agreement.

OR

**ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

**M/WBE Commitment.** Throughout the term of the Agreement, VENDOR shall take commercially reasonable steps and use commercially reasonable resources to identify SBBC-certified M/WBE vendors who may be engaged to fulfill various aspects of the Agreement, including, for instance, without limitation, M/WBE vendors to provide office supplies, travel, printing, janitorial supplies/services, consulting services, trade services, installation and repair services, medical supplies, where feasible. VENDOR agrees to provide monthly reports and to conduct quarterly meetings with SBBC to discuss progress in meeting the SBBC's objectives regarding M/WBE participation, including dollars spent on M/WBE vendors for the quarter; and to continue to assess throughout the term of the Agreement new possibilities for M/WBE vendor participation suggested by SBBC. If at any time during the term the parties agree that it is reasonably feasible to include a specific dollar figure for M/WBE participation, the Agreement shall be amended to include the dollar participation objective.

*The following provision should be included in Article 2 **ONLY IF** the contract is with an outside party that will be conducting studies on behalf of The School Board which will require that outside party to be provided personally identifiable student information.*

*Add to Contract Memo info that administrators must make certain that no student info is shared with other party in violation of FERPA.*

2. **Studies Conducted for SBBC.** Under the terms of this Agreement, *Insert Name* will be conducting studies for, or on behalf of SBBC, to: (a) develop, validate or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. The purposes and scope of the study/studies are described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. SBBC may disclose personally identifiable information from an education record of a student to *Insert Name* in order for it to conduct said study. The type of personally identifiable student information to be disclosed by SBBC to *Insert Name* is described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.

*Insert Name* agrees that the study shall be conducted in a manner that does not permit personal identification of parents and students by individuals other than the representatives of *Insert Name* that have legitimate interests in the information. The study shall commence \_\_\_\_\_ and conclude \_\_\_\_\_. *Insert Name* agrees that any disclosed information will be destroyed or returned to SBBC when no longer needed for the purposes for which the study is to be conducted. *Insert Name* acknowledges and agrees that it may use personally identifiable information from education records only to meet the purpose or purposes of the study as stated in this Agreement.

*[Article 2 of each Agreement will end with the following standard sections that require the insertion of names, addresses or the selection of sections depending upon whether the other party is a governmental agency or some other special entity.*

*When directed to **Insert Name**, use the short name you identified for the other party on Page 1 of this Agreement].*

**ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

2. Inspection of *Insert Name's* Records by SBBC. *Insert Name* shall establish and maintain books, records and documents (including electronic storage media) sufficient to reflect all income and expenditures of funds provided by SBBC under this Agreement. All *Insert Name's* Records, regardless of the form in which they are kept, shall be open to inspection and subject to audit, inspection, examination, evaluation and/or reproduction, during normal working hours, by SBBC's agent or its authorized representative to permit SBBC to evaluate, analyze and verify the satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to evaluate, analyze and verify any and all invoices, billings, payments and/or claims submitted by *Insert Name* or any of *Insert Name's* payees pursuant to this Agreement. *Insert Name's* Records subject to examination shall include, without limitation, those records necessary to evaluate and verify direct and indirect costs (including overhead allocations) as they may apply to costs associated with this Agreement. *Insert Name's* Records subject to this section shall include any and all documents pertinent to the evaluation, analysis, verification and reconciliation of any and all expenditures under this Agreement without regard to funding sources.

(a) *Insert Name's* Records Defined. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "*Insert Name's* Records" shall include, without limitation, and any supporting documents that would substantiate, reconcile or refute any charges and/or expenditures related to this Agreement.

(b) Duration of Right to Inspect. For the purpose of such audits, inspections, examinations, evaluations and/or reproductions, SBBC's agent or authorized representative shall have access to *Insert Name's* Records from the effective date of this Agreement, for the duration of the term of this Agreement, and until the later of five (5) years after the termination of this Agreement or five (5) years after the date of final payment by SBBC to *Insert Name* pursuant to this Agreement.

(c) Notice of Inspection. SBBC's agent or its authorized representative shall provide *Insert Name* reasonable advance notice (not to exceed two (2) weeks) of any intended audit, inspection, examination, evaluation and or reproduction.

(d) Audit Site Conditions. SBBC's agent or its authorized representative shall have access to *Insert Name's* facilities and to any and all records related to this Agreement, and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to exercise the rights permitted under this section.

(e) Failure to Permit Inspection. Failure by *Insert Name* to permit audit, inspection, examination, evaluation and/or reproduction as permitted under this Section shall constitute grounds for termination of this Agreement by SBBC for cause and shall be grounds for the denial of some or all of any *Insert Name's* claims for payment by SBBC.

(f) Overcharges and Unauthorized Charges. If an audit conducted in accordance with this Section discloses overcharges or unauthorized charges to SBBC by *Insert Name* in excess of two percent (2%) of the total billings under this Agreement, the actual cost of SBBC's audit shall be paid by *Insert Name*. If the audit discloses billings or charges to which *Insert Name* is not contractually entitled, *Insert Name* shall pay said sum to SBBC within twenty (20) days of receipt of written demand under otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties.

(g) Inspection of Subcontractor's Records. *Insert Name* shall require any and all subcontractors, insurance agents and material suppliers (hereafter referred to as "Payees") providing services or goods with regard to this Agreement to comply with the requirements of this section by insertion of such requirements in any written subcontract. Failure by *Insert Name* to include such requirements in any subcontract shall constitute grounds for termination of this Agreement by SBBC for cause and shall be grounds for the exclusion of some or all of any Payee's costs from amounts payable by SBBC to *Insert Name* pursuant to this Agreement and such excluded costs shall become the liability of *Insert Name*.

**ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

(h) Inspector General Audits. *Insert Name* shall comply and cooperate immediately with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Florida Office of the Inspector General or by any other state or federal officials.

2. Notice. When any of the parties desire to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified; the place for giving notice shall remain such until it is changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the Parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice:

To SBBC: Superintendent of Schools  
The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
600 Southeast Third Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

With a Copy to: *Insert Job Title of District Representative*  
*Insert Address of District Representative*

To *Insert Name*: *Insert Name Provided by Other Party*  
*Insert Address Provided by Other Party*

With a Copy to: *Insert Name Provided by Other Party*  
*Insert Address Provided by Other Party*

***[Unless this is a contract for the provision by SBBC of educational services at a medical, treatment or correctional facility, you must include one of the following background screening clauses]***

***[If the other party IS a governmental agency, use this clause]:***

2. Background Screening. *Insert Name* agrees to comply with all requirements of Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes, and all of its personnel who (1) are to be permitted access to school grounds when students are present, (2) will have direct contact with students, or (3) have access or control of school funds, will successfully complete the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. This background screening will be conducted by SBBC in advance of *Insert Name* or its personnel providing any services under the conditions described in the previous sentence. *Insert Name* shall bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required by Section 1012.32, Florida Statutes, and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to *Insert Name* and its personnel. The parties

agree that the failure of *Insert Name* to perform any of the duties described in this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement entitling SBBC to terminate immediately with no further responsibilities or duties to perform under this Agreement. To the extent permitted by law, *Insert Name* agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SBBC, its officers and employees from any liability in the form of physical or mental injury, death or property damage resulting from *Insert Name*'s failure to comply with the requirements of this Section or with Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver by SBBC or *Insert Name* of sovereign immunity or of any rights or limits to liability existing under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

*[If the other party **IS NOT** a governmental agency, use this clause]:*

2. **Background Screening.** *Insert Name* agrees to comply with all requirements of Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes, and all of its personnel who (1) are to be permitted access to school grounds when students are present, (2) will have direct contact with students, or (3) have access or control of school funds, will successfully complete the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. This background screening will be conducted by SBBC in advance of *Insert Name* or its personnel providing any services under the conditions described in the previous sentence. *Insert Name* shall bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required by Section 1012.32, Florida Statutes, and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to *Insert Name* and its personnel. The parties agree that the failure of *Insert Name* to perform any of the duties described in this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement entitling SBBC to terminate immediately with no further responsibilities or duties to perform under this Agreement. *Insert Name* agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SBBC, its officers and employees from any liability in the form of physical or mental injury, death or property damage resulting from *Insert Name's* failure to comply with the requirements of this Section or with Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL CONDITIONS**

*[NOTE: Article 3 contains standard district contract terms. Contract administrators should not alter any provision in Article 3 without the prior approval of the School Board Attorney's Office].*

3.01 **No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any agency or political subdivision to which sovereign immunity may be applicable or of any rights or limits to liability existing under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

3.02 **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** The parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any rights or obligations in or upon any third person or entity under this Agreement. None of the parties intend to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. The parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against any of the parties based upon this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by an agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract.

3.03 **Independent Contractor.** The parties to this agreement shall at all times be acting in the capacity of independent contractors and not as an officer, employee or agent of one another. Neither party or its respective agents, employees, subcontractors or assignees shall represent to others that it has the authority to bind the other party unless specifically authorized in writing to do so. No right to SBBC retirement, leave benefits or any other benefits of SBBC employees shall exist as a result of the performance of any duties or responsibilities under this Agreement. SBBC shall not be responsible for social security, withholding taxes, contributions to unemployment compensation funds or insurance for the other party or the other party's officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or assignees.

3.04 **Equal Opportunity Provision.** The parties agree that no person shall be subjected to discrimination because of age, race, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression marital status, national origin, religion, sex or sexual orientation in the performance of the parties' respective duties, responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL CONDITIONS**

3.05 **Termination.** This Agreement may be canceled with or without cause by SBBC during the term hereof upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties of its desire to terminate this Agreement. SBBC shall have no liability for any property left on SBBC's property by any party to this Agreement after the termination of this Agreement. Any party contracting with SBBC under this Agreement agrees that any of its property placed upon SBBC's facilities pursuant to this Agreement shall be removed within ten (10) business days following the termination, conclusion or cancellation of this Agreement and that any such property remaining upon SBBC's facilities after that time shall be deemed to be abandoned, title to such property shall pass to SBBC, and SBBC may use or dispose of such property as SBBC deems fit and appropriate.

3.06 **Default.** The parties agree that, in the event that either party is in default of its obligations under this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall provide to the defaulting party (30) days written notice to cure the default. However, in the event said default cannot be cured within said thirty (30) day period and the defaulting party is diligently attempting in good faith to cure same, the time period shall be reasonably extended to allow the defaulting party additional cure time. Upon the occurrence of a default that is not cured during the applicable cure period, this Agreement may be terminated by the non-defaulting party upon thirty (30) days notice. This remedy is not intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or future exercise thereof. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude termination for convenience pursuant to Section 3.05.

3.07 **Annual Appropriation.** The performance and obligations of SBBC under this Agreement shall be contingent upon an annual budgetary appropriation by its governing body. If SBBC does not allocate funds for the payment of services or products to be provided under this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by SBBC at the end of the period for which funds have been allocated. SBBC shall notify the other party at the earliest possible time before such termination. No penalty shall accrue to SBBC in the event this provision is exercised, and SBBC shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or any damages as a result of termination under this section.

3.08 **Excess Funds.** Any party receiving funds paid by SBBC under this Agreement agrees to promptly notify SBBC of any funds erroneously received from SBBC upon the discovery of such erroneous payment or overpayment. Any such excess funds shall be refunded to SBBC.

3.09 **Public Records:** The following provisions are required by Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, and may not be amended. VENDOR shall keep and maintain public records required by SBBC to perform the services required under this Agreement. Upon request from SBBC's custodian of public records, VENDOR shall provide SBBC with a copy of any requested public records or to allow the requested public records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law. VENDOR shall ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement's term and following completion of the Agreement if VENDOR does not transfer the public records to SBBC. Upon completion of the Agreement, VENDOR shall transfer, at no cost, to SBBC all public records in possession of VENDOR or keep and maintain public records required by SBBC to perform the services required under the Agreement. If VENDOR transfer all public records to SBBC upon completion of the Agreement, VENDOR shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If VENDOR keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, VENDOR shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to SBBC, upon request from SBBC's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with SBBC's information technology systems.

**IF A PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 754-321-0505, PROCUREMENT & WAREHOUSING SERVICES, 7720 WEST OAKLAND PARK BLVD., SUITE 323, SUNRISE FLORIDA, 33351.**

3.10 **Student Records.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this Agreement, any party contracting with SBBC under this Agreement shall fully comply with the requirements of Sections 1002.22 and 1002.221, Florida Statutes; FERPA, and any other state or federal law or regulation regarding the confidentiality of student information and records. Each such party agrees, for itself, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors or subcontractors, to fully indemnify and hold harmless SBBC and its officers and employees for any violation of this section, including, without limitation, defending SBBC and its officers and employees against any complaint, administrative or judicial proceeding, payment of any penalty imposed upon SBBC, or payment of any and all costs, damages, judgments or losses incurred by or imposed upon SBBC arising out of a breach of this covenant by the party, or an officer, employee, agent, representative, contractor, or sub-contractor of the party to the extent that the party or an officer, employee, agent, representative, contractor, or sub-contractor of the party shall either intentionally or negligently violate the provisions of this section or of Sections 1002.22 and/or 1002.221, Florida Statutes.

3.11 **Compliance with Laws.** Each party shall comply with all applicable federal state and local laws, SBBC policies codes, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

3.12 **Place of Performance.** All obligations of SBBC under the terms of this Agreement are reasonably susceptible of being performed in Broward County, Florida and shall be payable and performable in Broward County, Florida.

3.13 **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any controversies or legal problems arising out of this Agreement and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights hereunder shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the State courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Broward County, Florida.

3.14 **Entirety of Agreement.** This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

3.15 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

3.16 **Assignment.** Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by any party without the prior written consent of the other party. There shall be no partial assignments of this Agreement including, without limitation, the partial assignment of any right to receive payments from SBBC.

3.17 **Incorporation by Reference.** **Attachment A** attached hereto and referenced herein shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

3.18 **Captions.** The captions, section designations, section numbers, article numbers, titles and headings appearing in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience, have no substantive meaning, and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of such articles or sections of this Agreement, nor in any way affect this Agreement and shall not be construed to create a conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.

3.19 **Severability.** In the event that any one or more of the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions contained in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void in any respect, such shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement and the same shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions had never been included herein.

3.20 **Preparation of Agreement.** The parties acknowledge that they have sought and obtained whatever competent advice and counsel as was necessary for them to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein and that the preparation of this Agreement has been their joint effort. The language agreed to herein expresses their mutual intent and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

3.21 **Amendments.** No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement and executed by each party hereto.

3.22 **Waiver.** The parties agree that each requirement, duty and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof. Any party's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement unless the waiver is in writing and signed by the party waiving such provision. A written waiver shall only be effective as to the specific instance for which it is obtained and shall not be deemed a continuing or future waiver.

3.23 **Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be obligated to perform any duty, requirement or obligation under this Agreement if such performance is prevented by fire, hurricane, earthquake, explosion, wars, sabotage, accident, flood, acts of God, strikes, or other labor disputes, riot or civil commotions, or by reason of any other matter or condition beyond the control of either party, and which cannot be overcome by reasonable diligence and without unusual expense ("Force Majeure"). In no event shall a lack of funds on the part of either party be deemed Force Majeure.

3.24 **Survival.** All representations and warranties made herein, indemnification obligations, obligations to reimburse SBBC, obligations to maintain and allow inspection and audit of records and property, obligations to maintain the confidentiality of records, reporting requirements, and obligations to return public funds shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.25 **Contract Administration.** SBBC has delegated authority to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee to take any actions necessary to implement and administer this Agreement.

***[You need to conclude Article 2 with an indemnification clause.]***  
***[If the other party is a governmental agency, use this indemnification clause:]***



3. Liability. Each party agrees to be fully responsible for its acts of negligence, or its employees' acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

(Not a Government Agency use this clause)

3.26 Liability. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

A. By SBBC: SBBC agrees to be fully responsible up to the limits of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, for its acts of negligence, or its employees' acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence.

B. By VENDOR: VENDOR agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend SBBC, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs, and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs and all other sums which SBBC, its agents, servants and employees may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every claim or demand, or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the products, goods or services furnished by VENDOR, its agents, servants or employees; the equipment of VENDOR, its agents, servants or employees while such equipment is on premises owned or controlled by SBBC; or the negligence of VENDOR or the negligence of VENDOR's agents when acting within the scope of their employment, whether such claims, judgments, costs and expenses be for damages, damage to property including SBBC's property, and injury or death of any person whether employed by VENDOR, SBBC or otherwise.

3.27 School Board Policies. VENDOR agrees to comply with all School Board Policies, local, state and federal laws.

3.28 Authority. Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

**FOR SBBC**

(Corporate Seal)

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to Form and Legal Content:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the General Counsel

*[If the other party is a corporation or governmental agency, use this signature page]*

**FOR [Insert Name Here]**

(Corporate Seal)

*Insert Full Legal Name of the Corporation,  
Agency or Other Legal Entity*

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
, Secretary

-or-

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

**The Following Notarization is Required for Every Agreement Without Regard to  
Whether the Party Chose to Use a Secretary's Attestation or Two (2) Witnesses.**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ of

Name of Person

\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of the corporation/agency.

Name of Corporation or Agency

He/She is personally known to me or produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and  
did/did not first take an oath. Type of Identification

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Notary Public

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Notary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Commission No.

*[If the other party is an individual person, use this signature page]*

**FOR [Insert Name Here]:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by \_\_\_\_\_  
Insert Name Here  
who is personally known to me or who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Type of Identification  
identification and who did/did not first take an oath this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_\_\_.

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Notary Public

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Commission No.

# **ATTACHMENT F**

**CERTIFICATION OF DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,  
INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION  
LOWER TIER TRANSACTIONS**

**CERTIFICATION OF DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION  
LOWER TIER TRANSACTIONS**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR 1183.35, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by going to this link: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/granule/CFR-2011-title45-vol3/CFR-2011-title45-vol3-sec1183-35>

**(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)**

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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Organization Name	17-003V ITB/RFP Number
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Name(s) and Title(s) of Authorized Representative(s)

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Signature(s)	Date
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Note: This form is only used if your company has less than four (4) employees.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION**

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms “covered transaction,” “debarred,” “suspended,” “ineligible,” “lower tier covered transaction,” “participant,” “person,” “primary covered transaction,” “principal,” “proposal,” and “voluntarily excluded,” as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions,” without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List (Telephone Number).
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntary excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

**ATTACHMENT G**  
**School Board Policy 3400**



**PER DIEM AND TRAVELING EXPENSES FOR BOARD MEMBERS, BOARD EMPLOYEES AND OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS**

REIMBURSEMENT(S) FOR PER DIEM AND TRAVELING EXPENSES SHALL BE PAID AT RATES ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES, STATE BOARD REGULATIONS AND BOARD POLICY, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

POLICY ADOPTED: 11/26/69; 9/5/74 ; 12/20/94  
AUTHORITY: LAWS OF FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2003-125

POLICY READOPTED: 01/20/04

**RULES**

1. All travel, including per diem and/or traveling expenses when pertinent, must be approved by the appropriate individual(s). (See Policy 4007 prior to the beginning of the trip.)
2. In this Policy, Rules and Regulations, the words listed below shall be defined as follows:
  - a. Travel Expense(s) - The usual ordinary and incidental expenses necessarily incurred by a traveler, such as transportation, lodging, meals, etc.
  - b. Common Carrier(s) - A train, bus, commercial airline (operating scheduled flights), or rental car from an established firm.
  - c. Travel Day - A period of twenty-four (24) hours, consisting of four (4) quarters of six (6) hours each.
  - d. Travel Period - The period of time between the time of departure and time of return.
  - e. Class A Travel - A continuous travel period of twenty-four (24) hours or more away from official headquarters.
  - f. Class B Travel - A continuous travel period of less than twenty-four (24) hours which involves overnight absence from official headquarters.
  - g. Class C Travel - A travel period involving short or day trips, but not involving an overnight trip away from official headquarters.
  - h. Per Diem Rate for lodging, Per Diem Rate for meals and incidental expenses – A daily payment instead of reimbursement for actual expenses for lodging, meals and related incidental expenses (as defined in the Federal Travel Regulation contained in 41 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Chapter 300-3.1).
  - i. Incidental Expenses – Examples of Incidental Expenses are fees and tips. Incidental Expenses are only payable as part of a Per Diem payment. (As defined in the Federal Travel Regulation contained in 41 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Chapter 300-3.1.)
3. Reimbursement for travel time shall be computed as follows:
  - a. The Travel Day for Class A Travel shall be a calendar day (midnight to midnight).
  - b. The Travel Day for Class B Travel shall begin at the time of departure.
  - c. For Class A and Class B Travel, the traveler shall be reimbursed at one-fourth of the authorized per diem rate for meals only for each quarter or major fraction thereof of the Travel Day included within the travel period.
  - d. A traveler shall not be reimbursed for lodging for Class C Travel, but shall receive an allowance for meals based on the following schedule:
    - (1) Breakfast - When travel begins before 6 a.m. and extends beyond 8 a.m.
    - (2) Lunch - When travel begins before 12 noon and extends beyond 2 p.m.
    - (3) Dinner - When travel begins before 6 p.m. and extends beyond 8 p.m.

**IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

1. Per diem and subsistence allowance rates for all travelers attending conventions, organized conferences or meetings in-state and/or out-of-state to conduct official business shall be computed by one of the following, whichever is greater:
  - a. The Per Diem rate for lodging and the Per Diem rate for meals are the standard rates for travel within the continental United States as published in the Internal Revenue Service Publication 1542 'Per Diem Rates' (for travel within the continental United States) by using the regular Federal Per Diem rate method. The Treasurer's Office will issue a memorandum annually updating the current Per Diem rates.
  - b. Actual expenses, for meals up to the amounts permitted by the Per Diem rate, plus actual expenses for lodging at a single occupancy rate, to be substantiated by paid bills, when approved by the appropriate administrator.
2. When lodging or meals are provided by an organization, the traveler is not eligible for the normal maximum allowances and may be reimbursed only for actual expenses of lodging or meals, not to exceed the normal maximum allowances.

**ALL TRAVEL**

1. For Class C Travel, all individuals on official business shall be reimbursed at the standard rate published in the Internal Revenue Service Publication 1542 'Per Diem Rates' (for travel within the continental United States) by using the regular Federal Per Diem rate method. The Treasurer's Office will issue a memorandum annually updating the current Per Diem rates.
2. Neither subsistence nor per diem shall be allowed for any class of travel in Broward County except for authorized business or workshops occurring before 6:00 a.m. or extending beyond 8:00 p.m.
3. Rules and regulations pertaining to travel and transportation expenses shall be as follows:
  - a. All travel must be by acceptable routes.
  - b. The individual approving the request to travel shall designate the most economical method of travel for each trip, keeping in mind the following conditions:
    - (1) The nature of the business.
    - (2) The most efficient and economical means of travel (considering time of the traveler, cost of transportation, and per diem or subsistence required).
    - (3) The number of individuals making the trip.
  - c. Transportation by common carrier paid for personally by the traveler shall be substantiated by a receipt.
  - d. When a privately owned vehicle is used, reimbursement shall be at the Internal Revenue Service Standard Mileage rate that becomes effective January of each calendar year. The Treasurer's Office will issue a memorandum annually updating the current mileage rate.

Vicinity mileage for conduct of official business shall be reimbursed but must be shown as a separate item on the travel or expense voucher and supported by a statement of mileage, point of origin and destination.
  - e. An employee may be reimbursed for approved business travel on a private aircraft for the actual amount charged for his/her fare, not to exceed the cost of a commercial airline ticket for the same flight. Such reimbursement is payable to the employee even when the owner or pilot of the aircraft is also entitled to travel reimbursement for the same flight.

- f. The following other traveling expenses may be reimbursed:
- (1) Ferry fare and bridge, road and tunnel tolls (receipt required if over \$5.00)
  - (2) Storage and parking fee (receipt required if over \$5.00).
  - (3) Communication expense for official business.
  - (4) Convention or conference registration fee (receipt required), provided; however, any meals or lodging included in the registration fee will be deducted in accordance with the allowances provided for in the paragraph related to Class C Travel meal allowance.
  - (5) Taxi fare (A statement of point of origin, destination and fare may be substituted for a receipt).
- g. An employee who is on temporary duty authorization (TDA) out of Broward County who becomes sick or injured and is therefore unable to perform official School Board business may continue to receive subsistence as provided in this policy during the period of illness or injury until such time as the affected employee is able to perform the business of the Board or return to work at his/her normal work location in Broward County, whichever is earlier. However, under no circumstances may the affected employee receive subsistence for more than fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days without the permission of the Superintendent.
- h. In emergency situations as determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee, an employee may be reimbursed for a specific meal for an amount greater than that authorized above, provided that the total cost of all meals during a day does not exceed the standard Per Diem rate for meals.
4. Travel advances and/or payment directly to a vendor may be made only in exceptional cases and upon specific approval of the Superintendent or the appropriate administrator.
- a. Any sum so advanced shall be deducted from the total allowable reimbursement at the completion of travel. Any amount advanced in excess of the allowable reimbursement must be returned to the Board immediately upon completion of travel.
  - b. All required supporting information or receipts for regular reimbursement shall be required in the case of advancements.
  - c. When an employee is required to incur overnight travel, on an emergency notice, the employee may request payment for the cost of his/her meals and lodging directly to the vendor. The Board is authorized to make payment directly to the vendor for the actual costs of lodging and for meals in an amount not to exceed the authorized rate for per diem.
5. All forms required for implementation of this policy shall be provided by the Superintendent's office or designated department.
6. Guidelines as required for consistent handling of travel reimbursement requests may be initiated by the Comptroller.

Rules Adopted: 11/26/69  
 Rules Amended: 9/25/71; 12/7/72; 7/1/74  
 Rules Readopted: 9/5/74  
 Rules Amended: 9/16/76; 3/3/77; 8/4/77; 7/1/79; 7/1/80  
7/1/81 per 1981 Legislative Act

4/10/84; 6/19/86; 10/1/87; 6/2/92  
 Amended Rules Approved: 01/20/04

AUTHORITY: LAWS OF FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2003-125

# **ATTACHMENT H**

## **ACH Payment Agreement Form**



The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
ACH Payment Agreement Form (ACH CREDITS)

VENDOR NAME:

**Authorization Agreement**

I (we) hereby authorize **The School Board of Broward County** to initiate automatic deposits (credits) to my account at the financial institution named below. Additionally, I authorize **The School Board of Broward County** to make the necessary debit entries/adjustments in the event that a credit entry is made in error.

Further, I agree not to hold **The School Board of Broward County** responsible for any delay or loss of funds due to incorrect or incomplete information supplied by me or by my financial institution or due to an error on the part of my financial institution in depositing funds to my account.

This agreement will remain in effect until **The School Board of Broward County** receives written notification of cancellation from me or my financial institution and that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

**Account Information**

Name of Bank or Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch/ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing No: \_\_\_\_\_

Account No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checking  Savings

VENDOR AREA:  
 Remittance Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (please select one) Fax  Email

Federal Identification No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vendor TAX ID#  SS#

**Update Purchase Order Fax & Email Address**

Centralized Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Centralized Email \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Centralized Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

Authorized Signature  
 (Primary) and Business title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature  
 (Joint) and Business title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a VOIDED check to verify bank details and routing number.

This form must be returned to: SBBC – Purchasing – Data Strategy Group  
 7720 W. Oakland Park Blvd, Sunrise FL 33351 call: 754-321-0516 or fax # 754-321-0533

**For Use by DATA STRATEGY GROUP**

Vendor Account# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Entered \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

# **ATTACHMENT I**

## **Statement of “No Response”**

## ATTACHMENT I, STATEMENT OF "NO RESPONSE"

If your company will not be submitting a response to this Request for Proposal, please complete this Statement of "No" Response Sheet and return, prior to the RFP Due Date established within, to:

SBBC  
Procurement & Warehousing Services Department  
7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323  
Sunrise, Florida 33351

This information will help SBBC in the preparation of future RFPs.

RFP Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

√	<b>Reasons for "NO Response":</b>
	Unable to comply with product or service specifications.
	Unable to comply with scope of work.
	Unable to quote on all items in the group.
	Insufficient time to respond to the Request for Proposal.
	Unable to hold prices firm through the term of the contract period.
	Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
	Unable to meet delivery requirements.
	Unable to meet bond requirements.
	Unable to meet insurance requirements.
	Other (Specify below)

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_