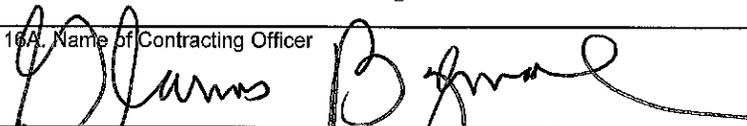


<b>AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION / MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT</b>			1. Contract Number	Page of Pages	
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2. Amendment/Modification Number <b>Amendment No. 002</b>	3. Effective Date August 18, 2015	4. Requisition/Purchase	5. Solicitation Caption: Speech Language Pathology Services		
6. Issued by: District of Columbia Public Schools Office of Contracts and Acquisitions 1200 First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20002		Code	7. Administered By: (If other than line 6)		
8. Name and Address of Contractor (No. street, city, county, state and zip code number)		9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. GAGA-2015-R-0046			
		9B. Dated (See Item 11) August 18, 2015			
		10A. Modification of Contract/Order No.			
		10B. Dated (See Item 13)			
Code	Facility				
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS					
<input type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is extended. <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) completing items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copy of the amendment; (b) acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) separate letter or fax which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment number. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter, telegram or fax, provided each letter or telegram makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.					
12. Accounting and Appropriation Data (If Required)					
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.					
A. This change order is issued pursuant to (Specify Authority): The changes set forth in Item 14 are made in the Contract/Order No. in Item 10A.					
B. The above numbered Contract/Order is modified to reflect the administrative changes (such as, changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.) set forth in Item 14, pursuant to the authority of 27 DCMR, Chapter 36, Section 3601.2.					
C. This supplemental agreement is entered into pursuant to authority of:					
D. Other (Specify type of modification and authority)					
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return <u>1</u> copies to the issuing office.					
14. Description of Amendment/Modification (Organized by UCF Section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)					
1. <b>Amendment No. 001.</b> On pages 2 thru 6, delete Amendment No.2 on the header and replace with Amendment No. 001.					
2. <b>Page I, Section 9 of the RFP.</b> Delete section in its entirety and replace with the following: Sealed offers in <b>electronic format (USB flash drive) and one (1) original and four (4) copies</b> for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8, or if hand carried to the bid counter located at 1200 First Street, N.E., 11 <sup>th</sup> floor, Washington, D.C 20002, until <b>12: Noon, local time on Friday, August 28, 2015.</b>					
3. <b>Amendment No. 001:</b> Delete in its entirety and replace with the above.					
4. <b>Add Section B.2.4.1:</b> The projected weekly hours of the service for the SLP is <b>37.5 hours.</b>					
5. <b>Section L.4.1:</b> Delete Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 4:00 PM and replace with <b>Tuesday, August 28, 2015 at 12:00 Noon.</b>					
6. <b>Section M.5:</b> Delete in its entirety and replace with Section M.5: Preference for Certified Business Enterprises (Attachment A).					
The Official DCPS responses to all the questions submitted and received at OCA by 4:00 PM on July 29, 2015, as required in Section L.5 – Explanation to Prospective Offerors, follow on pages 2 through 18 of this Amendment.					
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the documents reference remain unchanged in full force and effect.					
15A. Name and Title of Signer (Type or print)		16A. Name of Contracting Officer			
					
15B. Name of Contractor	15C. Date Signed	16B. District of Columbia	16C. Date Signed		
(Signature of person authorized to sign)		(Signature of Contracting Officer)	8/17/15		

**Question 1.**

Could you please let me know the projected weekly hours of service for the SLP?

**Response:** Please refer to Section B.2.4 The projected weekly hours of service for the SLP is 37.5 hours; however, 2.5 hours for lunch is not billable. Therefore, billable hours for the week is 35 hours.

**Question 2**

If the hours are on As Needed Basis or Part-Time, can you please let me know the amount of weekly hours that the SLP worked during the 2014-15 academic year? I am aware that the hours might not be the same for the 2015-16 academic year. However, this will provide us with a better understanding on how we should calculate our cost proposal for the DC Public Schools

**Response:**

During the School Year 2014- 2015, Full Time contractual staff worked 37.5 hours per week and billed 35 hours.

**Question 3**

How many working days will the SLP work during the school year (For Example: 180 days or less)?

**Response**

Refer to Section C.4; item No. 9 DCPS Calendar at:

[http://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/publication/attachments/DCPS SY15-16 Small Calendar](http://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/publication/attachments/DCPS%20SY15-16%20Small%20Calendar%20Final.pdf)

[Final.pdf](http://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/publication/attachments/DCPS%20SY15-16%20Small%20Calendar%20Final.pdf) SLP work 196 school days which includes professional development, record keeping, parent-teacher conference days and pre-service orientation week. Holidays and inclement weather days are not included in the 196 days.

**Question 4.**

What is the anticipated award date?

**Response:**

The anticipated award date is 12/1/2015. See Section B.3.1

**Question 5.**

How many SLP's do you foresee needing for the 2015-16 school year?

**Response:**

See Section C of the RFP.

DCPS has an estimated need of approximately 13 Full Time Equivalent Speech and Language Pathologist to supplement DCPS' staff to provide speech and language therapy services for the 2015 – 2016 School Year. At any time during the contract, the needs may increase or decrease based on the needs of the district.

**Question 6.**

Would the district pay for mileage travelling between school campuses on the same day? If so, what will be the district IRS Standard Rate?

**Response:**

District of Columbia Public Schools does not pay for mileage traveling between schools. Providers are assigned to 1 school each day and not to travel between schools during the day.

**Question 7**

Would you consider certified therapy assistants, CFY or SLPA?

**Response:**

See Sections C.1.5, C. 5.2.1 and C.5.2 of the RFP. No, SLPAs are not eligible; however, CF and SLPs are eligible.

**Question 8**

What grades will the SLP provide services for? And what will be the caseload?

**Response:**

The need varies across all grade levels (Pre-School – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and can include students that are ungraded. The average caseload ranges between 45 – 65 students; however, this depends on the workload at the **school**.

**Question 9.**

Would you consider a Flat Rate-Fixed Rate or Range depending on the candidates' level of experience?

**Response:**

Refer to Section B.2 of the RFP: Price Schedule. No, a Flat Rate-Fixed Rate or Range depending on the candidates' level of experience would not be considered.

**Question 10.**

In the event that the DC Public Schools will find a permanent employee of the district and our services will no longer be needed, will the school provide the awarded vendor with a 30 days out termination written notice?

**Response:**

Yes, DCPS will provide advanced notice if the staffing needs are no longer needed.

**Question 11**

What are the Required Documents for the Therapists to start working at the DC Public Schools? For Example: Fingerprint, State License, Criminal Background Check, TB Test, any other specific Certifications.

**Response:**

Refer to C.5.1, C.5.1.2 C.5.2, C.5.2.2, C.5.2.3,C.5.2.6, C.5.3,C.5.4, C.5.4.1, C.5.5

Each SLP must submit; resume, OSSE Certification, DOH License, Proof of current TB Clearance, and NPI Number. They also must undergo background check and drug screening.

**Question 12**

Can you provide the current incumbent vendor(s) providing services? What is the incumbent vendor(s) current fee rate(s)?

**Response:**

The Current vendors rates, pursuant to Blackman Jones Court Order, as vacated are as follows:

- EBS Healthcare \$70
- Sunbelt Staffing \$70
- Progressus Therapy \$73

**Question 13**

**We are located in the State of Florida and we do not have an office in the District of Columbia. Is your preference for a company to have an office in the District of Columbia?**

**Response:**

No, however, all local and out of State vendors must be registered with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) in order to do business with the District of Columbia. Vendors may visit the DCRA website: <http://dcra.dcra.dc.gov/> to register.

**Question 14**

On page 57 of the RFP in Section I.2, it states that a pre-proposal conference will be held. Are vendors required to attend the conference in order for their proposal to be considered by the school?

Response:

No, although vendors are generally advised and encouraged to attend and participate in pre-proposal conferences, it is not mandatory and ALL proposals will be considered and evaluated by DCPS.

**Question 15**

Are you receptive to receiving a response from a company that provides live, online speech/language services?

**Response:**

DCPS is seeking contractors to provide all the requirements outlined in section C.5. Contractors can submit responses using online services but the Contractor must explain how DCPS' requirements listed in section C.5 will be delivered and met. Some of the required services listed in section C.5 include: participating in IEP meetings, attending school collaboration meetings, collaborating with teachers, complete speech only IEP case management, providing trainings to school staff and parents, provide RTI and 504 services, deliver services using pull out and push in models etc.

**Question 16**

What are current contractor rates for service provision?

**Response:**

EBS Healthcare \$70  
Sunbelt Staffing \$70  
Progressus Therapy \$73

**Question 17:**

How many contracted hours of SLP services were utilized last contract/ school year?

**Response:**

DCPS utilized 16.6 contractors that billed 7 hours per day not including lunch, holidays, or inclement weather. This would calculate to approximately 22,775.2 hours

**Question 18.**

Are your current vendors able to meet your current staffing needs? Are you satisfied with their service delivery? How many years have they been providing services?

**Response:**

DCPS is currently working with the current vendors to identify SLPs for 8/2015 until the beginning of the implementation of this contract. At this time the current vendors are not meeting the staffing needs. DCPS is 80% satisfied with the service delivery that was provided School Year 2014- 2015.

**Question 19.**

Does District of Columbia Public Schools currently have any SLP compensatory time to make-up?

**Response:**

No, compensatory services are awarded by the Hearing Officer and is the information is given to the school. Therefore, the specific information is unknown.

**Question 20.**

Will therapists have access to internet capabilities/computers at District of Columbia Public Schools?

**Response:**

All DCPS schools are equipped with wireless internet. All staff will be provided the DCPS internet access code. See Section C.5.12.7. DCPS does not provide computers, contractors are required to provide computers.

**Question 21**

Please confirm the RFP due date and time as it is listed different throughout the RFP document.

**Response:**

**The revised proposal submission due time and date are 12: Noon, Friday, August 28, 2015, by way of this Amendment No. 002..**

**Question 22**

How many contracted hours of SLP services were utilized last contract/ school year?

**Response:**

DCPS utilized 16.6 contractors that billed 7 hours per day not including lunch, holidays, or inclement weather. This would calculate to approximately 22,775.2 hours

**Question 23**

Are your current vendors able to meet your current staffing needs? Are you satisfied with their service delivery? How many years have they been providing services?

**Response:**

The current vendors are not able to meet the current staffing needs. DCPS is 80% satisfied with the service delivery. Progressus Therapy has provided consistent services for 6 years. The following vendors have provide non-continuous services: Educational Based Services for 9 years; and Sunbelt for 5 years.

**Question 24**

Does District of Columbia Public Schools currently have any SLP compensatory time to make-up?

**Response:**

No, compensatory services are awarded by the Hearing Officer and is the information is given to the school. Therefore, the specific information is unknown.

**Question 25**

Will therapists have access to internet capabilities/computers at District of Columbia Public Schools?

**Response:**

All DCPS schools are equipped with wireless internet. All staff will be provided the DCPS internet access code. See Section C.5.12.7 DCPS does not provide computers, contractors are required to provide computers.

**Question 26**

Which attachments from the list in Section J: Attachments on pp 55-56 need to be completed and returned with our proposal and which ones are merely for reference and/or use upon award?

**Response:**

The following 7 attachments are required for submission with your proposal: J3, J.4, J.7, J.8, J.15, J.19 and J.20.

**Question 27**

M.3.1 TECHNICAL CRITERIA, a. Demonstrated Experience refers to this: Goals, Achievements & Outcomes (See section C.1.5) yet Section C.1.5 merely says, "C.1.5 Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPAs) are not eligible for this solicitation." What is the correct section we should be referring to?

**Response:**

See Amendment 001 to the RFP issued 7/30/15. The references have been corrected in Amendment 001.

**Question 28**

We have been a partner with DCPS since 2010, providing SLP services. Four of our therapists have been renewed and we are currently confirming more therapists to provide services for the 15-16 school year. How

does this affect the December 1 start date of the contract resulting from this RFP? Will therapists that have been working since the start of the school year continue to work even if a vendor is not awarded a contract via this RFP?

**Response**

December 1, 2015 is the anticipated Award Date. DCPS will provide the start date for contractors. Contractors from the awarded Vendor(s) will provide SLP services on the start date.

**Question 29**

We have been a partner with DCPS since 2010, providing SLP services. Do our returning therapists need to be re-interviewed upon award of this RFP?

**Response:**

All Vendors that are awarded the contract are required to be interviewed. See section C.5.3

**Question 30**

How can we get a copy of the DCPS approved form referenced in Section C.5.6 in order to submit our staffing plan as required in the RFP?

**Response:**

The copy is available on the DCPS website as Attachment J.19.

**Question 31**

Who from the contractor does DCPS want to meet monthly to review the staffing plan per Section C.5.6.2?  
Does this meeting take place in person or can in be via phone or Skype?

**Response:**

DCPS will meet with the identified person to review staffing plan. This meeting can take place in person, via phone, or web.

**Question 32**

Who from the contractor does DCPS want to meet bi-monthly to review the topics listed in Section C.5.12.7?  
Does this meeting take place in person or can in be via phone or Skype?

**Response:**

DCPS will meet with the identified person to review staffing plan. This meeting can take place in person, via phone, or web.

**Question 33**

What is the difference between a certified Small Business Enterprise and a certified Business Enterprise? Where can we access information related to the certified Small Business Enterprises and certified Business Enterprises that can be used in response to this RFP?

**Response:**

See Section M.5 Preferences for Certified business Enterprises. A Certified Business Enterprise is a vendor who has been certified by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) as a:

Small Business Enterprise (SBE)  
Resident –Owned Business (ROB),  
Longtime Resident Business (LRB),  
Local Business Enterprise (LBE) or  
Local Business Enterprise (LBE) located in an enterprise zone.

The Department of Small and Local Business Development's (DSLBD's) Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) Program provides contracting preference for local businesses applying for contract and procurement opportunities with DC Government. In order to be considered for certification as a CBE, please note that D.C Code § 2-218.31 states that **your principal office must be physically located in the District of Columbia and your chief executive officer and the highest level managerial employees must perform their managerial functions in their principal office located in the District.** In addition, **one** of the following must be true: more than 50% of the business assets **and** gross receipts are in the District or more than 50% of the employees **or** owners are residents of the District. All businesses must also be subject to tax and licensed. **Nonprofits are not eligible for CBE certification.**

**You may access information related to the certified small Business Enterprise at the following addresses: [lsdbc.dslbd.dc.gov](http://lsdbc.dslbd.dc.gov) and [CSBE.compliance@dc.gov](mailto:CSBE.compliance@dc.gov).**

**Question 34**

As a provider of a direct service, Speech Language Pathology, there is little opportunity for us to subcontract with any other vendor. Is there a waiver process in place for the 35% set aside subcontracting requirement? Who can we contact to discuss the set aside requirement?

**Response**

Yes, there is a waiver process. The contact information requested is:

Department of Small and Local Business Development  
ATTN: CBE Certification Program  
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 850N  
Washington DC 20001

The telephone number: (202) 727-3900

**Question 35**

What will occur if the subcontractors that are identified in the subcontracting plan become unresponsive or unable to fulfill the contractor's needs? Will the contractor be penalized for not fulfilling the 35% requirement? Is there an appeal process?

**Response:**

Yes. The prime contractor is totally responsible for all the performances and deliverables of its subcontractor and must therefore monitor and ensure the subcontractor conforms with all the requirements, including Section C.5 of the RFP. Also, see Section H and particularly Section H.9.4.1 of the RFP.

**Question 36**

Does the DC DOH license and OSSE certification have to be submitted with the resumes of our proposed therapists or can some of them be in process if they have begun the application process?

**Response:**

Yes, the DOH license and OSSE certification should be provided to support the qualifications of each SLP proposed in the cost. Refer to M.3.1

Yes, you can have SLPs that are in the process and this should be noted in the RFP

**Question 37**

Section H.10 Contractor Responsibilities states "Refer to Section C.7" however, Section C.7 is a list of DCPS responsibilities. What should contractors be referring to for Section H.10 compliance?

**Response**

C.7 was replaced with C.1. See Amendment 001 to the RFP.

**Question 38**

Does data entry for parental consent to assessments occur in real time (i.e. is there a delay when parental

consent is received and when the therapist receives this information)? Do the days for assessment completion exclude holidays and days when schools are closed or are those days included in the 45 day window?

**Response:**

Case managers enter the parental consent date; it is DCPS procedure that the date should be entered in SEDS within 2 days of consent. There is a procedure to notify SLPs through SEDS via email (contingent upon their email being entered into SEDS correctly). DCPS also has a reporting system Provider Management Application that provides a report daily that shows assessments that have been assigned including parent consent date, request date and due date of the report.

**Question 39**

What access would the vendor have to DCPS data (both therapist and management (non-clinician)) for assessment and quality control? What would the timeline be of receiving data to complete quarterly reports?

**Response**

Contractual SLPs will have access to Special Education Data System; Easy IEP for their assigned schools. Also, they will be provided reports through the Provider Management Application or the pre-determined reporting vessel, which will be the same as DCPS SLPs. The contractor identified management person will receive data weekly in preparation for the weekly and bi-monthly meetings. Data for quarterly meetings will be provided at an agreeable time between DCPS and Contractor.

**Question 40**

In completing the Price/Cost Template for the Base Year, should the vendor have the same number of proposed resumes to match the "estimated quantity of SLP staff" we are proposing?

**Response**

Yes, Contractors should have the same number of proposed resumes to match the quantity of SLP Staff that is being proposed.

**Question 41**

How many bilingual SLPs is DCPS interested in? What language(s)?

**Response:**

DCPS would be interested in 6 FTE for bilingual SLPs that speak Spanish.

**Question 42**

On what date will official answers to questions be posted on the DCPS website?

**Response:**

The official answers to all the questions submitted to OCA by 4:00 PM, July 29, 2015 will be posted on the DCPS website by Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

**Question 43**

What is the typical caseload for therapists?

**Response:**

45 – 65 students

**Question 44**

How many schools are typically on a therapist's caseload?

**Response:**

2 schools is typical; however, based on the workload it could be 1

**Question 45**

How many working days for therapists each school year?

**Response:**

196 days

**Question 46**

In regards to billable hours:

1. Are IEP meetings billable? **Response:** yes
2. Are orientation sessions, professional development and other District-sponsored meetings billable? **Response:** yes
3. Are we allowed to bill for paperwork and documentation? **Response:** yes

4. Are we allowed to bill for mileage and travel between school sites? **Response:** No
5. How many hours are in a typical school day (i.e. how many hours are therapists allowed to be on-site and billing)

**Response:** SLPs work from 8 – 3:30pm; however, 30 minutes lunch is not billable. Therefore, it is a 7 hour work day and there is no flexing of the schedule.

**Question 47**

Who are the current vendors for Speech Language Pathology (SLP) services? Please provide the current bill rate by vendor and the number of FTEs (full time equivalents) by vendor

**Response:**

Educational Based Services - \$70 (2 FTEs)  
Sunbelt Staffing - \$70 (0 FTE)  
Progressus Therapy - \$73 4.6 FTE

**Question 48**

Have your current vendors been able to meet all of your current SLP services need?

**Response:**

No, the current vendors have not been able to meet all of DCPS service needs during School Year 2014-2015.

**Question 49**

How many SLPs does the district have on staff?

**Response:**

82

**Question 50**

How many district SLPs are retiring this year?

**Response:**

Employees are suggested to inform Managers of their plan to retire or resign from the District Government in April. Therefore the number of SLPs that will be retiring is not known at this time for the School Year 2015-2016. DCPS had 3 SLPs retire in the previous school year.

**Question 51**

Does the district currently have any SLP compensatory time to make-up?

**Response:**

No, Compensatory services are awarded by the Hearing Officer and is the information is given to the school. Therefore, the specific information is not known at this time.

**Question 52**

Is the District interested in SLPs with specialized skill sets? If yes, what specific skill sets?

**Response:**

SLPs who are bilingual (Spanish speaking), expertise working with students diagnosed with autism at all severity levels, students who are medically fragile with dysphagia, students with a hearing disorder, and/or experienced with programming and implementing the use of AAC devices, PROMT, PECS, Lindamood-Bell, etc. See Section C.5.2.5

**Question 53**

Is the district open to contracting for part-time therapists?

**Response:**

DCPS prefers to have full time contractors to meet the 13 FTE that will be needed for SY 2015 – 2016. However, DCPS is open to part-time therapist to fill the need with a minimum of working 3 days.

**Question 54**

Will the district accept therapists currently in their Clinical Fellowship (CF) year and working towards the Certificate of Clinical Competency? If yes, does the district require the vendor to provide clinical supervision? (in the RFP)

**Response:**

Yes, DCPS will accept SLPs who are currently in their Clinical Fellowship year and does require the Vendor to provide clinical supervision. See C.5.2, C.5.23, C.5.12.6

**Question 55**

Who is responsible for purchasing assessment equipment and supplies in order to provide services? In the RFP

**Response:**

The contractor is responsible for providing assessment equipment and supplies for SLPs to be able to perform their job duties. See C.5.12.7

**Question 56**

Is the district open to a blended therapy model?

**Response:**

DCPS is seeking contractors to provide all the requirements outlined in section C.5. Contractors can submit responses using online services but the Contractor must explain how DCPS' requirements listed in section C.5 will be delivered and met. Some of the required services listed in section C.5 include: participating in IEP meetings, attending school collaboration meetings, collaborating with teachers, complete speech only IEP case management, providing trainings to school staff and parents, provide RTI and 504 services, deliver services using pull out and push in models etc.

**Question 57**

What are the district's payment terms?

**Response:**

Refer to G.1 Invoice Payment

Upon the manager signature of approval, DCPS will pay the contractor on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day after receiving a proper invoice from the Contractor.

**Question: 58**

Can you please provide last year's winning rates?

**Response:**

DCPS did not have a contract last year and was paying through direct pay to the following vendors:

1. Educational Based Services \$75
2. Howard University \$70

3. Progressus Therapy \$73

4. Sunbelt Staffing \$70

**Question 59**

Can you please provide the number of companies that were awarded last year and how many DCPS intends to award this year?

**Response:**

DCPS did not have contracts SY 2014-2015. DCPS intends to issue multiple Contractor awards to meet the District's needs. See B.1.3

**Question 60**

Please state if this solicitation falls over the 250K limit and will require 35% of the services to be subcontracted out to a certified small business enterprise.

**Response:**

It is anticipated that contracts resulting from this solicitation will be above \$250,000.00. Any proposals offering services over this amount must comply and adhere to the subcontracting requirements.

**Question 61**

What was the total annual expenditure of the current contract during the 2014-2015 school year?

**Response:**

\$1, 526,244

**Question 62**

Will DCPS accept CFYs?

**Response:**

Yes, DCPS will accept SLPs who are currently in their Clinical Fellowship year and does require the Vendor to provide clinical supervision. See C.5.2, C.5.23, C.5.12.6

**Question 63**

For the submission of our therapists, are online verifications of the DOH license, OSSE SLP certificate, and ASHA certificate acceptable or are we required to submit the copies of the actual documents?

**Response:**

See M.3.1 b Professional Qualifications #1. Copies of the online verifications will be accepted for those agencies that provide it electronically. However, hard copies must be submitted with the proposal.

**Question 64**

We currently provide services for DC Strong Start providing speech/language services throughout the District of Columbia and we have therapists on staff who have worked at schools in urban school districts. Would this be considered previous experience in an urban school setting?

**Response:**

Please see Sections C.1.6, C.5.2, C.5.2.2, C.5.2.3 and M.3.1a.(2).

DCPS is seeking a company that has a minimum of five years providing speech language pathology services in a setting similar to DCPS, which is an urban school setting. DCPS school students are ages 3 to 21. See Section C.1. The SLPs should have a minimum of one full year of school-based experiences and CF should have at least two graduate school semesters in a school based clinical practicum.

**Question 65**

Are the August pre-service week trainings (C.5.13.1) and the monthly meetings/staff developments, etc. (C.5.13.2) billable?

**Response:**

Yes See Section B.2.2

**Question 66**

How do we access the DCPS IMPACT performance assessment as the link does not work and/or requires a DCPS log in?

**Response:**

<http://dcps.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcps/publication/attachments/IMPACT-2014-Grp12af.pdf>

**Question 67**

We do provide services for OSSE through DC Strong Start. Is the certificate obtained via the Strong Start site, the one referred to in Section M.3.1.B

**Response:**

The OSSE Certification is for the Speech and Language Pathologist to obtain. It is a certification that DCPS requires that authorizes the holder to provide pupil support services in schools. Find the OSSE Certification Website: <http://osse.dc.gov/service/school-support-personnel-licensure>

**Question 68**

Since we were unaware that this bid came out until after the pre-bid conference, is there a way for us to access any information regarding what happened at that conference?

**Response:**

All the questions and concerns asked by the participants in the preproposal conference were submitted to OCA in writing and the official responses to the questions are being provided via the DCPS website and to the prospective vendors on the DCPS mailing list.

**Question 69**

Can you please correct the inconsistency in the due date and the number of copies for the proposal?

**Response:**

The inconsistency has been addressed in Amendment 001 to the RFP issued, 7/30/15, and the new submission date of Tuesday, August 25, 2015, will be included in Amendment No. 002, to be posted on the DCPS website by Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

**Question 70**

In offering an explanation for the percentage requirement for DC residency, am I to understand that this does not apply to the initial group of employees, and the "initial group" is defined as, "Those individuals initially hired to fulfill the terms of the contract until all positions are filled?" After this, contractors must be in compliance with the residency requirement.

**Response:**

That is correct.

**Question 71**

Is it true that a section on "subcontracting" must be included?

**Response:**

A Subcontracting Plan must be submitted along with the proposals that exceeds \$250,000.00 as specified in the RFP, Section H.9.2.

**M.5.1.8A** prime contractor that is a local manufacturing business enterprise (LMBE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price.

**M.5.2 Maximum Preference Awarded**

Notwithstanding the availability of the preceding preferences, the maximum total preference to which a certified business enterprise (CBE) is entitled under the Act is twelve per cent (12%) for bids submitted in response to this IFB. There will be no preference awarded for subcontracting by the prime contractor with CBEs.

**M.5.3 Preferences for Certified Joint Ventures**

A certified joint venture will receive preferences as determined by DSLBD in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-218.39a(h).

**M.5.4 Verification of Bidder's Certification as a Certified Business Enterprise**

**M.5.4.1** Any vendor seeking to receive preferences on this solicitation must be certified at the time of submission of its bid. The CO will verify the bidder's certification with DSLBD, and the bidder should not submit with its bid any additional documentation regarding its certification as a certified business enterprise.

**M.5.4.2** Any vendor seeking certification in order to receive preferences under this solicitation should contact the:

Department of Small and Local Business Development  
ATTN: CBE Certification Program  
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 850N  
Washington DC 20001

**M.5.4.3** All vendors are encouraged to contact DSLBD at (202) 727-3900 if additional information is required on certification procedures and requirements.

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**M.5. Preferences for Certified Business Enterprises**

Under the provisions of the “Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2014”, D.C. Official Code § 2-218.01 *et seq.*, as amended (“Act”, as used in this section), the District shall apply preferences in evaluating bids from businesses that are certified by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) pursuant to Part D of the Act.

**M.5.1. Application of Preferences**

For evaluation purposes, the allowable preferences under the Act shall be applicable to prime contractors as follows:

**M.5.1.1** A prime contractor that is a small business enterprise certified by the DSLBD (SBE) will receive a three percent (3%) reduction in the bid price.

**M.5.1.2** A prime contractor that is a resident-owned business (ROB) certified by DSLBD will receive a five percent (5%) reduction in the bid price.

**M.5.1.3** A prime contractor that is a longtime resident business (LRB) certified by DSLBD will receive a ten percent (10%) reduction in the bid price.

**M.5.1.4** A prime contractor that is a local business enterprise (LBE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price.

**M.5.1.5** A prime contractor that is a local business enterprise with its principal offices located in an enterprise zone (DZE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price.

**M.5.1.6** A prime contractor that is a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price.

**M.5.1.7** A prime contractor that is a veteran-owned business (VOB) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price.