## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 75 NORTH PACE BLVD. PENSACOLA, FL 32505

RESULTS OF RFI #132301 School Health Services DATE: June 17, 2013

## **EVALUATION COMMITTEE:**

Martha Hanna RN, Health Services Coordinator Terri Szafran, Director, Exceptional Student Education Lisa Joyner Ed.S, Coordinator of Student Services Marcia Nowlin, Director, Title I and Related Services

John Dombroskie CPPB, FCPM, FCCM, Director – Purchasing, Participated in an administrative and advisory capacity only.

## **RFI (Request For Information) PROCESS:**

An RFI was issued to evaluate the feasibility of utilizing alternate/non-government contracted school health services for the schools in Escambia County, Florida. These services would commence with the 2013-2014 school year (this initial year of the contract will begin June 1, 2013 and end June 30, 2014). The District currently utilized a collection of three (3) contracts with the Escambia County Health Department to provide health services and medical oversight of services as specified in Section 1006.062 F.S., and 381.0056 F.S. including:

Health appraisals
Record review
Nurse assessment
Nutrition assessment
Mandated health screenings, referrals and follow up
Individual Health Care Plans for critical health issues
Education for communicable disease outbreaks
Training and delegation of health procedures to paraprofessionals and school district staff
Three point testing for students being evaluated for special programs
Medication book audits

Collect health services data and submit to the Escambia County Health Department for input into HMS

Clinic services by Health Support Technicians to include:

CPR/AED, first aid, medication administration, acute illness management, fluoride mouth rinse program in elementary schools without fluoridated water, random drug screening, documentation of services and treatments, head lice interventions, procedures delegated by RN, assistance with health screenings of students

The RFI garnered four (4) responses (Pro Med Heath Care Services, Maxim Healthcare Services, Pediatric Services of America (PSA) and FirstCare Home Services). An evaluation committee reviewed each of the responses received, looking at experience, the service model proposed and program costs. Upon review, the District had the option to select a firm for negotiation, request formal proposals from all or select firms responding to the RFI or postpone implementation. If formal proposals were requested, proposals would only be accepted from firms responding to the RFI and deemed capable of satisfying District needs by the committee. The District reserved the right to reject any or all responses received and could choose to bid formally if such action was considered to be in the best interest of the District.

The District reserved the right to waive any irregularities and technicalities and could, at its sole discretion, request a clarification or other information to evaluate any or all responses.

The unanimous decision was made by the evaluation committee that only one firm possessed the experience desired at a cost that was affordable – PSA. Negotiations were entered and an Agreement was brought to the School Board's June 18, 2013 meeting for their approval.

NOTE: These contractual services and commodities are not subject to competitive solicitation requirements. Pursuant to 6A-1.012(11) (a) Florida Administrative Code, the products and services requested in our RFI are categorized as "health services involving examination, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, medical consultation or administration" and therefore are exempt from formal solicitation requirements.