

RFP 19MISC 3
EXTERNAL EVALUATOR FOR STRIVING READERS COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY GRANT

FACT SHEET

A. **Overview:** This recommendation is to establish a contract with an evaluator to measure the relevance, effectiveness, and impact of the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL) grant. Bids were opened on August 28, 2018.

1. **Bid participation:**

199 bids downloaded
11 companies submitted a bid

2. **Bids were received from:**

Edling Solutions, LLC (Silver Spring, MD)
Hezel Associates, LLC (Syracuse, NY)
Insight Policy Research (Arlington, VA)
Measurement Incorporated (Albany, NY)
Merola Research, LLC (Silver Spring, MD)
PHCollaborative Consultants (Mitchellville, MD)
Policy Studies Associates, Inc. (Washington, DC)
Psychometric Solutions, LLC (Aberdeen, MD)
Solomon Evaluation, LLC (Burke, VA)
Thomas P. Miller and Associates, LLC (Indianapolis, IN)
Via Evaluation (Buffalo, NY)

3. **Other facts:**

- The initial contract term shall coincide with the two years of the grant, from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, and October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. If the grant is approved for a third year, the contract will be renewed for one additional term.
- The evaluation will consist of process and outcome components that will assess overall program implementation and progress towards meeting benchmarks related to academic achievement and project goals. A comprehensive evaluation will be conducted annually. A final cumulative evaluation that measures progress throughout the SRCL grant period will be conducted during the final year of the grant.
- Vendors were ranked by the average score of their technical proposals. The cost proposals of the three highest ranking vendors were opened and scored. Award is recommended to the top scorer.
- This contract will be administered by Doreen Bass, Grants Coordinator, School Administration and Leadership and the Program Administrator.

4. **Source of funding:** MSDE Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

B. **Recommendation:** Staff recommends the contract for RFP 19MISC3, External Evaluator for Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Grant, be awarded to Solomon Evaluation, LLC (Burke, VA), per the attached Scoring Summary and Bid Tabulation.

C. **Action taken by the Board (Purchasing use only):**

____ Approved	____ Denied	____ Deferred	____ Other	BL/kl
____ Date	____ Date	____ Date	____ Date	BOE Mtg.: 09.26.18

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SCORING SUMMARY

VENDOR	TECHNICAL SCORE 60 POINTS MAX	COST SCORE 40 POINTS MAX	TOTAL SCORE 100 POINTS MAX
Solomon Evaluation	57.0	31.1	88.1
Policy Studies Associates	45.7	40.0	85.7
Insight Policy Research	53.3	26.2	79.5
Merola Research	43.3		
Hezel Associates	43.0		
Via Evaluation	41.3		
Measurment Inc.	39.7		
Thomas P. Miller and Associates	37.0		
PHCollaborative Consultants	34.0		
Edlinguist Solutions	31.7		
Psychometric Solutions	27.7		

TECHNICAL -- 60 points assigned as follows:

Education and Experience of Staff
Experience Evaluating Federal Education Grants
Evaluation Strategy and Implementation
Completeness of Response / Exceptions
Insurance Coverage
References

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BID TABULATION

	INSIGHT PLOICY RESEARCH	POLICY STUDIES ASSOCIATES, INC.	SOLOMON EVALUATION, LLC
YEAR 1 DELIVERABLES October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019	\$115,919.00	\$61,006.00	\$75,920.00
YEAR 2 DELIVERABLES October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020	\$63,506.00	\$56,452.00	\$75,200.00
TOTAL COST FOR INITIAL CONTRACT TERM (Years 1 and 2)	\$179,425.00	\$117,458.00	\$151,120.00
POTENTIAL YEAR 3 DELIVERABLES October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021	\$66,583.00	\$57,642.00	\$75,200.00
OPTIONAL COST 1 - Randomized Control Study	\$93,985.00	N/A	N/A
OPTIONAL COST 2 - Hourly Rate for additional Work	\$275.00	\$117.00 Average rate: \$163.48/ \$96.72/\$79.33	\$120.00