**Contract:** Special Education Services: Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies, Audiology, and Education of the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Using Sign Language

**Contract #:** MWE-857-14

**Term:** 5 years  **Extension:** 3 years  **Contract Ending Date:** 8/31/22

**Estimated contract authority:** $20,000,000

**Board meeting date:** August 12, 2014  **Bid issued:** April 24, 2014  **Pre-bid meeting date:** May 6, 2014  **Due date:** June 5, 2014  **No. of vendors issued to:** 44  **No. of bids received:** 26  **No. of no-bids received:** 0

**Description:**

This contract consists of providing audiology testing and speech, occupational, and physical therapies. The contract also provides for education of the deaf or hard-of-hearing using sign language. All services are for students from birth to age 21. Employment of staff from contracted companies is contingent upon the need for services and the availability of BCPS staff to provide the services. This contract replaces PCR-237-09 that expired July 31, 2014. The solicitation allows for additional vendors to be included on the contract if needed.

Speech therapists provide screening, assessment, and treatment for direct and collaborative programming to assist school administrators as they move toward an inclusive classroom model. Therapists also develop individual education plans (IEPs) and individual family service plans (IFSPs) for infants and toddlers, and participate in admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) teams.

Physical and occupational therapists provide treatment and annual skill updating evaluations, assist in developing IEPs and IFSPs, and participate in ARD teams when appropriate.

This contract supports *Blueprint 2.0: Goal 2, Safety and Security, Strategic Initiative B.*

**Recommendation:**

Award of contract is recommended to:

- 360 Degree Customer, Inc.  San Jose, CA
- Arbor E&T dba Care Resources  Louisville, KY
- ARCH Therapeutic Associates  Bowie, MD
- CBS Therapy, Inc.  Providence, RI
- Cell Staff, LLC  Tampa, FL
- Clarity Service Group  Towson, MD
- Cobb Pediatric Therapy Services  Kennesaw, GA
- Communications Solutions, Inc.  Marriottsville, MD
- County Therapy Associates, LLC  Whiteford, MD
Cumberland Therapy Services, LLC
Educational Based Services, Inc.
Excel Professional Staffing, LLC
Frankly Communicating, Inc.
Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc.
MANSEF, Inc.
Mediscan, Inc.
MTX Therapy Services
Progressus Therapy, LLC
ProvideaStaff, LLC
Speech Rehab Services, LLC
Staffing Options & Solutions, Inc.
StaffRehab
Sunbelt Staffing, LLC
Supplemental Health Care
The Hearing and Speech Agency
The Maryland Therapy Network, Inc.

Chicago, IL
West Chester, PA
Columbia, MD
Westminster, MD
Jamison, PA
Towson, MD
Woodland Hills, CA
Tampa, FL
Tampa, FL
Huntersville, NC
Boca Raton, FL
Indianapolis, IN
Newport Beach, CA
Oldsmar, FL
Atlanta, GA
Baltimore, MD
Belair, MD

**Responsible school or office:**
Department of Student Services

**Contact person:**
Debra Brooks

**Funding source:**
Operating budget