



Request for Quote

Accreditation Verification Services for Early Childhood Education Programs

The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe ("the Coalition"), a Florida not-for-profit corporation, is seeking **Accreditation Verification Services** for early childhood education programs. In order to select a vendor to deliver the above-referenced services, The Coalition requests a quote for services based on the specifications listed below. The quote for services will include the following information: company name and address with year incorporated, if applicable; total amount for services; and the quote should be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the vendor. Upon receipt of all quotes, the Coalition will review and make a decision based on the best value offered. Most importantly, the selected vendor will be required to enter into an agreement with the Coalition so to guarantee the specifications listed, as well as to ensure adherence to all applicable state and/or federal laws.

Description of Services:

1. A high quality, web-based data system developed, customized and maintained to centralize accurate, up-to-date licensing and accreditation information of child care centers and family child care homes in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Web-based Early Learning System (WELS), a database created by Blue Jean Software, as our foundation. An interface customized to serve our needs and feed into WELS has created a centralized database for our community.
2. WELS contains verified information on all licensed child care programs in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Each program has its own profile page providing verified information, including name of center, name on license, name of corporation if different, mailing address, physical address, phone, fax, email, website if any, hours of operation, license capacity, accreditation data, population served, profit or not-for-profit, director name, owner name, languages spoken by staff, et al. These profiles are updated as needed.
3. As the main goal of this project is to provide accurate accreditation and Gold Seal data to the Early Learning Coalition of Miami Dade/Monroe, each month data must be cross-referenced with community resources to provide information on current, new and renewed accreditations. Resources include but are not limited to The Children's Forum, the Florida Department of Children and Families and the approved accrediting agencies. A maintenance plan is established to ensure ongoing accurate and current information. Each of the 15 accrediting agencies must be contacted and a relationship for data exchange us established. Approximately 40 hours a month are dedicated to this work.

Those accrediting agencies include:

- ACSI-Association of Christian Schools International
- ACTS-Association of Christian Teachers and Schools

- APPLE-Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment
 - COA-Council of Accreditation
 - FCCPSA- Florida Coalition of Christian Private School Accreditation
 - FLOCS-Florida League of Christian Schools
 - GAACS-Green Apple Accreditation of Children's Services
 - NAC-National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Educations Programs
 - NAEYC-National Association for the Education of Young Children
 - NAFCC- National Association for Family Child Care
 - NCPSA-National Council for Private School Accreditation
 - NECPA-National Early Childhood Program Accreditation
 - NLSA-National Lutheran School Accreditation
 - SACS-Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
 - UMAP-United Methodist Association of Preschools
4. This project will merge and centralize information from the Department of Children and Families, the Florida Department of Education, 15 accrediting agencies and the 1,500+ licensed childcare programs in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties
 5. Monthly reports will be produced and distributed to the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe. The report will include current, new and renewal accreditations and will reflect new as well expired licensed facilities. Ad hoc reports are available upon request.

Please submit your quote no later than **Monday, July 25, 2016** to Early Learning Coalition, by email.

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