



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM FORM  
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

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**DATE OF MEETING:** June 19, 2012

**TITLE:** Award of Contracts for Teachers of Students with Visual or Hearing Impairments Based on Responses to Request for Proposal (RFP) 11-0083

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Student Services Department may require highly trained teachers for either visually and/ or hearing impaired students. Teachers with a Bachelors Degree in Education, a valid Arizona Special Education Visual and/ or Hearing Impaired Endorsement and, (desired) an Orientation & Mobility Certification. The current need is for one teacher for visually impaired students. The request for proposal was sent to vendors who provide teachers with these skill sets to K-12 Education. The Student Services Department evaluated the four responding proposals. All four - STARS, (Student Therapies & Resource Services), Soliant Health, Adjuris Therapy, and Sunbelt Staffing, met the RFP requirements for time in trade, references provided, sample résumés, and fee schedule. The Administration requests authorization to award a contract to all four responding vendors knowing, with the shortage of teachers with the required certifications, all four vendors may need to be contacted to fill one position.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration recommends the Governing Board make the determination a single award is not advantageous to the District and approve the Award of Contracts, Teachers of Students with Visual or Hearing Impairments to STARS, (Student Therapies & Resource Services), Soliant Health, Adjuris Therapy, and Sunbelt Staffing based on their response to Request for Proposal (RFP) 11-0083.

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**INITIATED BY:**

Cathy Eiting, Executive Director Student Services

June 12, 2012

Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent