

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND DESIGN TO CONTINUE A PRE-APPRENTICE RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL WIRING PROGRAM AT MIAMI-DOUGLAS MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,042, FROM JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

In August 1995, the Florida International University (FIU) College of Engineering and Design began a Pre-Apprentice Residential Electrical Wiring Program at Miami-Douglas MacArthur Senior High School South. The program provides internships and scholarships, attempts to place every student on a job in the field of residential electrical wiring, and allows students who earn A's and B's to receive FIU credits. Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. The cost for the contractual agreement will not exceed \$33,042.

Approximately 45 students will be enrolled in the program under this contractual agreement. The selected students will attend the program for the full academic day, and at the end of the school year, they will have earned one elective credit with the possibility of an earned FIU credit. To facilitate this program, FIU will provide the instructors and graduate students needed for the academic instruction, as well as educational materials and learning activities. Electricians from private industries and large electrical companies will conduct safety seminars and demonstrations.

Further authorization is requested for the Superintendent to exercise his discretion to renew this contractual agreement annually for up to two additional one-year periods. The Professional Services Contracts Committee, established by Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this item on April 22, 1999, and recommended that an exception to the rule requiring bids or Requests for Proposals be granted as otherwise determined by the committee.

Appropriations necessary for implementation of this program will be included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999 under Fund 0100, Program 6083, Function 5120, Object 5390, Location 9724.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida International University College of Engineering and Design to continue a Pre-Apprentice Residential Electrical Wiring Program at Miami-Douglas MacArthur High School South, at a cost not to exceed \$33,042, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000;
2. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021; and
3. authorize the Superintendent to renew this contract for up to two additional one-year periods.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999.

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