

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of September 8, 1999

September 3, 1999

Financial Affairs  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE OTHER ENTITY BIDS FOR  
PURCHASE OVER \$100,000**

Authorization is requested to utilize the State of Florida Contract # 730-650-99-1 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - PRIVATE AUTOMATIC BRANCH EXCHANGE, which expires on February 16, 2004, to replace the telecommunications systems at 156 elementary school locations. A Request For Quote (RFQ) was solicited to the three (3) awarded vendors on the State of Florida Contract and represents a considerable cost savings to the district due to much lower prices than offered the State. The price per system is \$10,198 for a total of \$1,590,888. However, the district has received funding commitments from the federal government E-Rate program that supports a large portion of this cost, leaving M-DCPS a total cost of \$689,200. The new systems will replace old telephone equipment which are experiencing high volumes of blockage. Installation of these systems will begin in early November and must be completed by June 30, 2000, to meet the requirements imposed by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) E-Rate program.

Fund Source  
0100-General

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management, to utilize the State of Florida Contract #730-650-99-1 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - PRIVATE AUTOMATIC BRANCH EXCHANGE, to replace the telecommunications systems at 156 elementary school locations, for a total cost of \$689,200.

**REPLACEMENT  
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