

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

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

(1)

Authorization is requested to utilize the State of Florida Contract #863-000-99-1 – TIRES, which expires on March 14, 2002, to purchase tires, for the Department of Transportation. This contract includes a comprehensive list of tires, in various sizes. Manufacturers bid direct offering local dealers factory prices. There would not be any economic incentive for the district to develop its own bid. The amount of these purchases will be \$550,000 and will be purchased from Martino Tire Company of Miami, Florida, and Miami Tiresoles, Inc., of Hialeah Gardens, Florida.

Fund Source
0100-General

M/WBE ELIGIBILITY
None

(2)

Authorization is requested to utilize Prison Rehabilitation and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE) to purchase recapped tires, for the Department of Transportation. Pursuant to Florida Statute 287.042 (2) (A), any local public agency is permitted to purchase goods or services from the corporation, (PRIDE), operating the correctional work programs and are, therefore, exempt from the competitive sealed bid requirements. The district had a contract for recapped items. However, due to excessive prices and poor quality, the contract was not rebid. Tire recaps are available from PRIDE at a reduced cost and are of a better quality. It is in the best interest of the district to continue to use PRIDE to purchase all tire recaps. The amount of this yearly expenditure will be \$275,000.

Fund Source
0100-General

M/WBE ELIGIBILITY
None

(3)

Authorization is requested to utilize Prison Rehabilitation and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE) to purchase bus seat covers, for the Department of Transportation. Pursuant to Florida Statute 287.042 (2) (A), any local public agency is permitted to purchase goods or services from the corporation, (PRIDE), operating the correctional work programs and are, therefore, exempt from the competitive sealed bid requirements. Pricing from PRIDE is parallel to industry standards, however, the product is of better quality, and small detailing is provided at no charge. It is in the best interest of the district to continue to use PRIDE to purchase bus seat covers. The amount of this yearly expenditure will be \$200,000.

Fund Source
0100-General

M/WBE ELIGIBILITY
None

(4)

Authorization is requested to utilize State of Florida Contract #250-050-97-1 – Computers: Midrange and Mainframe, which expires on May 31, 2000, to purchase a Legacy Web Server, for the Office of Information Technology (OIT). This purchase is part of a budgeted equipment upgrade plan for OIT and will position the district to meet its broadly expanded processing requirements, as well as institute requisite network security processes not available with existing equipment. The server selected will utilize hardware encryption and support very high speed Internet data transfers, necessary components that enable Miami-Dade County Public Schools to embark in web-based applications such as e-commerce. The Gartner Group will be consulted in evaluating competitive servers for this purchase. The amount of this purchase will not exceed \$632,600.

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 following contracts:

1. State of Florida Contract #863-000-99-1 – TIRES, to purchase tires, for the Department of Transportation, for a total amount of \$550,000.

2. Prison Rehabilitation and Diversified Enterprises, Inc., (PRIDE), to purchase recapped tires, for the Department of Transportation, for a total amount of \$275,000.
3. Prison Rehabilitation and Diversified Enterprises, Inc., (PRIDE), to purchase bus seat covers, for the Department of Transportation, for a total amount of \$200,000.
4. State of Florida Contract #250-050-97-1 – Computers: Midrange and Mainframe, to purchase a Legacy Web Server, for the Office of Information Technology, for a total amount not to exceed \$632,600.

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