

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONSORTIUM FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR PROVIDING WELFARE-TO-WORK SERVICES TO 100 PARTICIPANTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$393,250 BASED ON PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES, FROM DECEMBER 9, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES  
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) was certified in April 1999 to provide enhancement services and services to non-custodial parents to Welfare-to-Work participants, via referral from other agencies, through a Welfare-to-Work program administered by the South Florida Employment and Training Consortium (or TEC, the Training and Employment Consortium). This contract will authorize M-DCPS to provide these services directly to 100 eligible participants.

The project will target 100 adults participating in the state Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES) program, including 50 non-custodial parents who meet the eligibility criteria, who are long-term recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) federal benefits and who have specific barriers to employment. The Welfare-to-Work funds administered by TEC, based on federal funding and regulations developed by the Department of Labor, are separate from state WAGES funding and are intended to supplement other WAGES services.

The contract provides a total of \$393,250 for the provision of Welfare-to-Work services, including \$252,250 for service vouchers and \$141,000 for M-DCPS direct services. The \$252,250 for service vouchers includes on-the-job training (OJT) wages, enhancement services, and transportation. The \$141,000 in payments to M-DCPS are determined on a performance-based schedule of benchmark outcomes, including \$200 in administrative compensation per individual plus a maximum amount of \$2,800 per individual upon successful program enrollment, training retention, job placement, and job retention.

The Executive Director of the South Florida Employment and Training Consortium is Mr. Joseph Alfano.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the South Florida Employment and Training Consortium for Miami-Dade County Public Schools to receive payment for providing Welfare-to-Work services to 100 participants, in an amount not to exceed \$393,250 based on performance outcomes, from December 9, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

No local funds are required.

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