

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ISSUE A
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR COMPANIES DESIRING TO
LEASE SPACE ON WLRN'S PLANNED TELEVISION/RADIO
TRANSMISSION TOWER**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

WLRN is currently planning to build a 1,020 foot transmission tower in order to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's requirement that WLRN make the transition to digital broadcasting.

Other stations in the market are faced with the same needs and requirements. WLRN staff explored the possibility that revenue could be earned by contacting broadcasting organizations potentially interested in locating their antennae on WLRN's proposed tower and found interest from at least four entities. Such being the case, staff request permission to issue an RFP to formally seek and select one or more leasing tenants. A condition of the RFP will be that the lessee needs do not substantially alter our design and budget parameters for constructing a tower for WLRN's radio transmitter and digital television transmitter use. Tenants will also be required to obtain proper insurance to protect the Board. Pending the results of this RFP, staff will submit recommended lease terms and agreements for review and approval by the Board.

A copy of the RFP will be distributed to School Board Members under separate cover and will be put on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and at the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for companies desiring to lease space on WLRN's planned television/radio transmission tower.

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