

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH JOBS FOR MIAMI TRAINING ACADEMY, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$646,306, FROM JANUARY 3, 2000 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2001

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

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Jobs for Miami Training Academy, a local non-profit organization, located at 7900 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami. This center is operated by Mr. Neill D. Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer.

This center serves disadvantaged students who for one or more reasons have been unsuccessful and/or unmotivated in their pursuit of an education/career. The agency will provide appropriate basic skills instruction and applied technology programs for a maximum of 200 full-time equivalent adult students who are residents of Miami-Dade County and who are not presently enrolled in a post-secondary program sponsored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

Monthly payments to the training agency will be calculated using a rate negotiated by staff (\$3,231.53 per full-time equivalent student). Computer equipment/peripherals, software, and classroom furniture will be purchased by M-DCPS at an estimated cost of \$121,487 and leased to the agency at a mutually agreed-upon rate for the duration of the contract. It will be the training agency's responsibility to maintain the equipment in good working order. Once this agreement has terminated, all items purchased by M-DCPS will be returned to the district.

The training agency will adhere to the testing and data-reporting requirements set forth by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, as contained in the *Adult and Vocational Testing Procedures 1999-2000*, *Vocational Adult Community System (VACS) Training Manual*, and related supplementary material.

The training agency agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the School Board from any and all claims, liabilities, or causes of action, including attorney fees, which may arise out of the negligent act or omission to act of the training agency as it relates to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

This contractual agreement has been reviewed and revised by the appropriate support staff during the contract negotiation process. In addition, compliance with the guidelines and procedures contained in the Florida Sunshine Law (286.011 F.S.) were noted and incorporated as applicable.

A copy of this contractual agreement will be provided to School Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Program 6260, Location 8991, Object 5640, and Function 5332.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Jobs for Miami Training Academy, for a total amount not to exceed \$646,306, from January 3, 2000 through January 2, 2001, with the funding for the 2000-2001 school year contingent upon state appropriations.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget.

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