

June 8, 2000

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH PARTNERS FOR AMERICAN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND AMERICA WORKS PARTNERSHIP TO IMPLEMENT EMPLOYER-BASED, CUSTOMIZED TRAINING FOR THE MIAMI-DADE HOPE VI PROGRAM, FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$361,932, FROM JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with the following non-profit organizations:

- America Works Partnership, located at 2186 NW 73rd Street, Miami, Florida 33147, in an amount not to exceed \$242,365. The Project Director of AWP in Miami-Dade is Mr. Elvin Parnell; and
- Partners for American Vocational Education, located at 1001 North American Way, Suite 202, Miami, Florida, in an amount not to exceed \$119,567. The Chief Executive Officer of PAVE is Mr. Dean Griffin.

The Miami-Dade Housing Agency, in partnership with public and private agencies, businesses, and employers, is creating a revitalization program targeted at the Scott/Carver Homes area. The Miami-Dade County HOPE (Home Ownership Opportunity for People Everywhere) VI program is designed to end the physical, social, and economic isolation of obsolete and distressed public housing by recreating and supporting sustainable communities, and lifting residents from dependence and persistent poverty.

America Works Partnership will organize customized, skills-based construction training to prepare participating trainees to achieve the basic academic and construction skills to enter the construction apprenticeship programs and to obtain entry level construction jobs in Miami-Dade County. AWP will recruit, train, and place in employment 75 students at a cost of \$3,231.53 each in a total amount not to exceed \$242,365.

Partners for American Vocational Education, will create customized, employer-based skills training in the construction related areas and the maritime-related industry of Miami-Dade County. PAVE will secure jobs with cooperating employers, recruit, train, and place in employment 37 students at a cost of \$3,231.53 each in a total amount not to exceed \$119,567.

All students receiving training and services will be enrolled in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and school facilities in the local area.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000 under Fund 0100, Function 5338, Programs 6231/6232, Object 5390, and Locations 7602/8139.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with Partners for American Vocational Education, in an amount not to exceed \$119,567 and America Works Partnership, in an amount not to exceed \$242,365, to implement employer-based, customized training for the Miami-Dade HOPE VI Program, for a total cost not to exceed \$361,932, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

The appropriation for this item will be included 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000.

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