

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF SERVICES RENDERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ROSENSTEIL SCHOOL OF MARINE AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES, FROM JUNE 19, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 28, 2000, IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTAR PROJECT, AN EIGHT-DAY SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), in conjunction with the University of Miami Rosenstil School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (UM-RSMAS), have formed a collaborative partnership bringing inquiry-based learning about relevant marine and environmental science issues to teachers in the District. The project, entitled INSTAR, is in the third year of a four-year program. INSTAR was originally approved at the School Board meeting of April 15, 1998, as item C-4.

The project provides professional development for teachers to enhance knowledge of proper scientific research methods and techniques as well as classroom use of scientific technology. Participants learn about the planning, implementation, and relevance of on-going research projects by visiting field research sites, conducting hands-on research, and producing research projects during the eight-day institute.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with UM-RSMAS to cover payment for the third year of this four-year program, in an amount not to exceed \$111,370. The appropriation for this item was included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6300, Program 7100, Object 5390, Location 9628.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami Rosenstil School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, in an amount not to exceed \$111,370, for services rendered from June 19, 2000 through June 28, 2000, in the third year of a four-year program entitled INSTAR, an eight-day summer institute for science teachers.

The appropriation for this item was included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget.

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