

Personnel Management and Services
Nelson E. Diaz, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CDE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION INSTRUMENTS FOR RESOURCE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with CDE Research Associates, Inc., for development of assessment and evaluation instruments for resource support personnel, for the Professional Assessment and Comprehensive Evaluation System, **PACES**, which is in its final year of a districtwide pilot program. The **PACES**, developed pursuant to Florida Statute, is a key element for enhancing the quality of teaching and learning in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

The contractual agreement will begin April 14, 2001 through June 30, 2001, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. The assessment and evaluation instruments will be developed for resource instructional support personnel which include, but, is not limited to: school counselors, school psychologists, media specialists, speech - language pathologists, and educational specialists.

The award of the original contract with CDE Research Associates, Inc., for **PACES** was through a Request for Proposals process, and was approved by the Board at its August 28, 1996 meeting, Agenda Item I-10.

The Professional Services Contracts Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed this item on February 23, 2001, and has recommended that an exception to the rule be made as otherwise determined by the committee.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Program 9536, Location 9311, Object 5310, and Function 6400.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with CDE Research Associates, Inc., from April 14, 2001 through June 30, 2001, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2000-01 General Fund of the Adopted Budget.