

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ROSENSTIEL SCHOOL OF MARINE AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES (UM-RSMAS), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000, FOR THE FOURTH YEAR OF A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM ENTITLED INSTAR, AN EIGHT-DAY SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHERS, FROM JUNE 18, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 27, 2001

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), in conjunction with the University of Miami Rosenstiel 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 middle school science teachers in the district. The project entitled INSTAR is in the fourth year of a four-year program. INSTAR was originally approved by the School Board at the April 15, 1998, School Board meeting as item C-4.

INSTAR provides professional development for teachers to enhance knowledge of scientific research methods, techniques, and technology. Participants will visit research sites, conduct hands-on research, and produce research projects during the institute. Two days of follow-up sessions with institute teachers will be conducted to support application of best practices in classrooms.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with UM-RSMAS, in an amount not to exceed \$115,000, for the fourth year of a four-year program entitled INSTAR. The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6300, Program 9715, Object 5390, Location 9628.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (UM-RSMAS), in an amount not to exceed \$115,000, for the fourth year of a four-year program entitled INSTAR, an eight-day summer institute for middle school science teachers, from June 18, 2001 through June 27, 2001.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget.

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