

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH HOME BUILDERS INSTITUTE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$283,366, TO SERVE JOB CORPS TRAINEES, FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

For over ten years, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has collaborated in educational programs with Home Builders Institute (HBI), the nonprofit training arm of the National Association of Home Builders. HBI is the sole-source contractor under the Department of Labor that provides training in building maintenance, landscaping, and other related fields to all Job Corps groups across the nation.

HBI totally supervises and manages the programs it operates at the two Job Corps agencies located in north and south Miami-Dade County. HBI employs certified teachers, consistent with the Florida Department of Education's vocational program standards, through a contractual agreement with M-DCPS. HBI focuses on providing vocational skills and job placement for unskilled youth residing at both geographical ends of the county. Over 600 youth have been served at the Miami Job Corps and the Homestead Job Corps facilities. The at-risk trainees are under the guardianship of their respective facility and are financed by the Federal Department of Labor and local tax dollars. South Dade Adult Education Center monitors the implementation of the contract provisions.

For every 900 hours of instruction and upon meeting the performance requirements for a maximum of 90 trainees as stipulated in the Workforce Development Education Fund directives, HBI will receive \$3,148.51 per trainee, for a total amount not to exceed \$283,366. The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2001 under Fund 0100, Object 5390, Location 8001, Program 9889, Function 5338.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 reviewed this contractual agreement on May 31, 2001, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted because HBI is the sole source.

Mr. Fred Humphreys is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Home Builders Institute.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with Home Builders Institute (HBI), a nonprofit organization, in an amount not to exceed \$283,366, to serve Job Corps Trainees, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2001.

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