

October 10, 2001

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FINE ART LAMPS, FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO THE AGENCY'S EMPLOYEES, IN AN AMOUNT ESTIMATED AT \$8,200, FROM OCTOBER 25, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with Fine Art Lamps for educational services provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to the agency's employees. The business is located at 5770 Miami Lakes Drive East, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014.

The M-DCPS Business and Industry Services Network (BIS-NET) Department develops training programs that focus on specialized types of curriculum, equipment/materials, and certified instructors that companies require. BIS-Net is constantly re-tooling curriculum to stay current with technology and evolving workplace structures, helping companies maintain their competitive edge through the choice of selected courses.

Fine Art Lamps is a high-end lighting manufacturer. This on-site training will focus on English for Spanish Speakers.

Under the proposed contractual agreement:

- M-DCPS will test each employee and provide certified instructors. M-DCPS will receive performance funding from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) based on actual Literacy Completion Points (LCPs) earned; and
- Fine Art Lamps will pay for supplies, workbooks, and tuition if applicable. Normally, there is no tuition cost for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). The fee, if any, will be determined after participants are administered the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). The implementation of this agreement will be guided by *The M-DCPS Adult and Vocational Testing Procedures* manual and the fee schedule for the 2001-02 school year. Fine Art Lamps will also collaborate with BIS-Net staff to determine goals/objectives for skill acquisition, and provide course enrollment data and classroom space for all courses.

Mr. Max Blumberg is the Chief Executive Officer of Fine Art Lamps. The company will be billed for the expenses outlined above.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with Fine Art Lamps, for educational services provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools to the agency's employees, in an amount estimated at \$8,200, from October 25, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

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