

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH TRANSITION, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,968, FOR THE SUPPORT OF BOOT CAMP CADETS WHO REQUIRE EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN MARKETABLE JOB SKILLS, FROM DECEMBER 13, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

Authorization is sought for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Transition, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the support of boot camp cadets who require education and training in marketable job skills.

Under the Adult Education Act, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), Division of Workforce Development, provides performance-based grants to eligible agencies for programs that address one or more State or national adult education priority areas. Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in consort with the FDOE, recommends that eligible agencies form a collaborative partnership for the optimization of services to this challenging population of students.

It is recommended that Transition, Inc., be selected for the contractual agreement, based on its track record of serving at-risk students with a spectrum of programming needs. Under the aegis of Transition, Inc., student-cadets, who are near the completion of graduation requirements, will be able to complete the education and training for marketable job skills. Implicit in the teaching will be objectives for helping students, both to secure employment and to become productive citizens.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6GX13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this item on November 21, 2001, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as the contractor has specific expertise in this field.

Funding is made available via the Adult Education Corrections Boot Camp grants, Agenda Items F-18, accepted by the Board on August 22, and October 24, 2001. The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0420, Function 5401, Programs 3687 and 4098, Object 5310, Location 8001.

The Executive Director of Transition, Inc., is Mr. John M. Andrews.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Transition, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$55,968, to provide support for graduating Boot Camp cadets to complete the education and training needed to acquire marketable job skills necessary for successful employment and productive citizenship, from December 13, 2001 to June 30, 2002; and,
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

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