

Personnel Management and Services
Nelson E. Diaz, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT \$20,800 FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA ANNEBERG CHALLENGE AND \$4,200 FROM BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SKILLSOFT CORPORATION

Authorization is requested to accept \$20,800 from the South Florida Annenberg Challenge Professional Development Initiative Partnership (PDI). The PDI is a partnership of the Florida Department of Education, BellSouth, and the South Florida Annenberg Challenge with the Adrian Dominican School of Education of Barry University as fiscal agent. Authorization is also requested to accept \$4,200 from Broward County Public Schools as part of a collaborative effort with PDI.

Funds from the South Florida Annenberg Challenge and Broward County Public Schools (\$25,000) and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (\$25,000) will be used to enter into a contractual agreement with Skillsoft Corporation for \$50,000 for a license to offer 56 courses through distance learning for 1,000 participants. Skillsoft Corporation courses feature content pertinent to concepts leading to performance excellence through effective leadership and efficient management practices.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed this item on November 21, 2001, and has recommended that an exception to the rule be made as otherwise determined by the committee.

The appropriations for this contract are included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Programs 9448,8734, Function 6400, Objects 5310,5390, and Locations 9316, 9023.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to accept \$20,800 from the South Florida Annenberg Challenge Professional Development Initiative Partnership and \$4,200 from Broward County Public Schools;
2. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Skillsoft Corporation for \$50,000, from December 13, 2001 through December 12, 2002; and
3. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021.

The appropriations for this item are included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget.