

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE OTHER ENTITY BIDS FOR PURCHASES OVER \$100,000

Authorization is requested to utilize the State of Florida Contract #250-050-97-1 - COMPUTER: MIDRANGE AND MAINFRAME, which expires on April 30, 2002, to purchase an IBM DAT Digital Tape System, also known as Virtual Tape Server (VTS), for the Office of Information Technology. This equipment is used to support all Mainframe and WAN related application data backup and retrieval, and will replace an outdated system which is 8 years old, costly to maintain and prone to failure. The new system will reduce tape batch-processing time by 20%, reduce hurricane backup processing time from 8 hours to 3, and will improve tape cartridge utilization by a ratio of 100 to 1. Quotations were solicited to awarded vendors on the contract to obtain the lowest bid meeting all the District's specifications, and IBM submitted the lowest price. The new system has a list price of \$1,398,810, the reduced State contract price is \$1,084,502, approved E-rated portion is \$490,200, and the final cost is \$223,556, which represents a total savings to the District of \$1,175,254.

Fund Source
0100 - General

M/WBE Eligibility
None

IBM CORPORATION 10761 N.W. 14 STREET, #284 PLANTATION, FL 33322 OWNER: LOU GERSTNER, C.E.O.	\$223,556
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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management, to utilize the State of Florida Contract #250-050-97-1 - COMPUTER: MIDRANGE AND MAINFRAME, to purchase an IBM DAT Digital Tape System, also known as Virtual Tape Server (VTS), for the Office of Information Technology, for a total amount of \$223,556.

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