

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE FOR WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS (IWC) WHO WILL PROVIDE EXTERNAL PROGRAM EVALUATION TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE ONE COMMUNITY ONE GOAL® SOUTH FLORIDA ANNEBERG CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000, FROM JANUARY 17, 2002 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2002

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida International University's Institute for Workforce Competitiveness (IWC) who will provide external program evaluation technical support services for the One Community One Goal® South Florida Annenberg Challenge Grant. The South Florida Annenberg Challenge Grant requires an in-depth evaluation in each of the five industry focus areas for the two year term of each grant. The Institute for Workforce Competitiveness is being contracted to meet the Arts Related Technology for Entertainment Careers (ARTEC) and Biomedical requirements, August 2000 through July 2002; Visitor, May 2001 through April 2002; Financial Services, September 2001 through August 2002; and IT/Telecommunications, December 2001 through November 2002. The South Florida Annenberg Challenge grant identified the use of the Institute for Workforce Competitiveness (IWC) for program evaluation. Therefore, the contract being recommended here does not require submission to the Professional Services Contract Committee for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

This \$50,000 expenditure to Florida International University's Institute for Workforce Competitiveness (IWC) represents a part of Miami-Dade County Public Schools public match requirement for the industry focus academies in each of the five key industries and was named in the South Florida Annenberg Challenge grant.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6300, Program 9726, Object 5310, Location 9704.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida International University's Institute for Workforce Competitiveness (IWC) who will provide external program evaluation technical support services for the One Community One Goal® South Florida Annenberg Challenge Grant application, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, from January 17, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget.