

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH HOME BUILDERS INSTITUTE TO SERVE JOB CORPS TRAINEES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$283,366, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 22, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY, ADULT AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

For over eleven years, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has collaborated in educational programs with Home Builders Institute (HBI), the nonprofit training arm of the National Association of Home Builders. HBI is the sole-source contractor under the Department of Labor that provides training in building maintenance, landscaping, and other related fields to all Job Corps groups across the nation.

HBI fully supervises and manages the programs it operates at the two Job Corps agencies located in north and in south Miami-Dade County. It employs certified teachers, consistent with the Florida Department of Education's applied technology program standards, through a contractual agreement with M-DCPS. HBI focuses on providing vocational skills and job placement for unskilled youth residing at both geographical ends of the county. Over 600 youth have been served at the Miami Job Corps and the Homestead Job Corps facilities. The at-risk trainees are under the guardianship of their respective facility, financed by the Federal Department of Labor and local tax dollars. The South Dade Adult Education Center monitors the implementation of the contract provisions.

For every 900 hours of instruction and upon meeting the performance requirements for a maximum of 90 trainees as stipulated in the Workforce Development Education Fund directives, HBI will receive \$3,148.51 per trainee, for a total amount not to exceed \$283,366. The appropriation for this item was included in the M-DCPS General Fund of the 2002-2003 Tentative Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Object 5390, Location 8001, Program 9889, Function 5338.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed this contractual agreement on August 5, 2002, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Requests for Proposals be granted as the contractor has a sole source status.

Mr. Fred Humphreys is the President and Chief Executive Officer of HBI.

RECOMMENDED:

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Home Builders Institute (HBI) to serve Job Corps Trainees, in an amount not to exceed \$283,366, effective August 22, 2002 through June 30, 2003; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item was included in the M-DCPS General Fund of the 2002-2003 Tentative Adopted Budget.

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