

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH H. J. RUSSELL & COMPANY, TO PROVIDE APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, BASIC SKILLS TRAINING, AND RELATED SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE SCOTT/CARVER AREA, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 22, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY, ADULT AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

In August, 1999, Miami-Dade County was awarded a \$35-million HOPE VI grant by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (USDHUD). The grant was awarded to facilitate the implementation of the Miami-Dade HOPE VI Revitalization Program.

H. J. Russell & Company is serving as the HOPE VI Program Manager, providing development management services for the implementation and completion of a USDHUD approved HOPE VI Revitalization Plan (RP). The Target Area for HOPE VI is defined as the area bounded by NW 62nd Street on the South, NW 79th Street on the North, NW 17th Avenue on the East, and NW 27th Avenue on the West. H. J. Russell & Company will advise and assist the Miami-Dade Housing Agency in the coordination/supervision of all activities related to the Revitalization Plan, including design, construction, and all supportive services activities over the four year life of the program.

H. J. Russell & Company will also be responsible for the procurement, supervision and coordination of all self-sufficiency service providers, including, but not limited to, service providers for job training, job placement, job creation, transportation to jobs, clothes for jobs, business development, remedial education, computer training, home ownership training, day-care, after-school care, post-employment training and skills building, post-employment case management, and other programs specified in the Community Supportive Services Work Plan.

Permission is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with H.J. Russell & Company to become one of twelve service providers for the Scott/Carver area. After Board approval, the Office of Adult/Vocational and Alternative Education will negotiate a separate contractual agreement with H. J. Russell & Company. This separate contractual agreement will delineate the reimbursable scope of services and compensation that the school system will receive for successfully performing the scope of work.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with H. J. Russell & Company, to provide applied technology, basic skills training, and related services for residents of the Scott/Carver area, effective August 22, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Workforce Development Funds allocated to adult/vocational and technical education centers for the 2002-2003 school year.

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