

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A CONTINUATION GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THROUGH THE CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ACT FOR FUNDING THE INTEGRATING APPLIED TECHNOLOGY GRANT TO ENHANCE THE GOALS OF THE MIAMI-DADE AREA CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT, PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

The Florida Department of Education requested proposals to continue funding of the established Integrating Applied Technology project within each of the six Area Centers for Educational Enhancement throughout the state. The Office of Educational Planning and Quality Enhancement prepared and submitted a grant application. Included in the grant is funding for one educational specialist who will provide staff development focused on implementing the applied technology initiatives and disseminating information on how to use Florida's Applied Technology Companion for the Sunshine State Standards, *Preparing All Learners for Tomorrow's Work Force*.

Funds, in the amount of \$100,000, are being awarded to continue funding the Integrating Applied Technology project through the Miami-Dade Area Center for Educational Enhancement. Funds will be used for salaries, substitute coverage, travel, and supplies.

Official notification of this grant award was received on July 26, 2002, which was after the start of the budget period. The budget period for this grant allows for reimbursement of expenditures from July 1, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a continuation grant award from the Florida Department of Education through the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, in the amount of \$100,000, for funding the Integrating Applied Technology Grant to enhance the goals of the Miami-Dade Area Center for Educational Enhancement; Project Cycle: July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. extend this grant at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the grant award and complete the scope of the project; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency with such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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