

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH H. J. RUSSELL & COMPANY, TO PROVIDE APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, BASIC SKILLS TRAINING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE SCOTT/CARVER AREA; AND TO UPDATE SELECTED APPLIED TECHNOLOGY LABS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$815,082, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 13, 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. The Target Area for HOPE VI is defined as the area bounded by NW 79th Street on the North, NW 62nd Street on the South, 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 with the coordination/supervision of all activities related to the Revitalization Plan, including design, construction, and all supportive services and 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 and Supportive Services Work Plan.

On August 21, 2002, a Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the Board which permits Miami-Dade County Public Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with H.J. Russell & Company to become one of twelve service providers. This contractual agreement delineates the reimbursable scope of services and compensation that M-DCPS will receive for successfully performing the scope of work outlined by the contract.

M-DCPS will receive funds, in an amount not to exceed \$815,082, which will be used for direct reimbursement costs to adult/applied technology centers for reimbursable expenses, to include but not limited to: applied technology and basic skills training, testing, transportation, child care, part-time hourly for teachers/project manager, student books/supplies/uniforms/tools, student identification cards, advertising, and staff travel.

Funds will also be used to update impacted laboratories primarily at D. A. Dorsey Educational Center and other affected adult/applied technology centers for approximately 100 Scott/Carver residents. There are no additional costs associated with this item since implementation of this initiative is provided by the existing Workforce Development Funds, and any expansion or customized training will be funded under the contract.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with H. J. Russell & Company, to provide applied technology, basic skills training and related services for residents of the Scott/Carver area; and to update selected applied technology labs, effective September 13, 2002 through June 30, 2003; and
2. receive payments for these services in an amount not to exceed \$815,082.

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