

Financial Affairs  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE OTHER ENTITY BIDS  
FOR PURCHASES OVER \$100,000**

**COMMITTEE: FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

(1)

Authorization is requested to utilize the State of Florida Contract No. 250-000-03-1 – IT HARDWARE, which expires on July 31, 2005, to purchase Hewlett-Packard/Compaq equipment, for Information Technology Services. This equipment is required to interface the operating system needed to support the Information Renaissance Program Plan, which includes the District e-mail service. Quotations were solicited to awarded vendors on the contract to obtain the lowest bid meeting all the District's specifications, and Pomeroy Computer Resources submitted the lowest price. The equipment has a list price of \$830,591 and the purchase price, after discounts, is \$384,015.64, which represents a total savings to the District of \$446,575.36.

Fund Source  
0100 - General

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

POMEROY COMPUTER RESOURCES  
5773 N.W. 158 STREET  
MIAMI LAKES, FL 33014  
OWNER: DAVID B. POMEROY, C.E.O.

\$384,015.64

(2)

Authorization is requested to purchase musical furniture and equipment, for an estimated amount of \$300,000, utilizing the Orange County Public Schools Bid No. SB-01-54 - MUSICAL AND PERFORMING ARTS FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, which expires on January 7, 2004, for a nine-month period. This equipment is required to maintain continuity and support the District's educational process. Quotes will be solicited from the awarded vendor on the contract.

Fund Source  
Various

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

WENGER CORPORATION  
555 PARK DRIVE  
OWATONNA, MN 55060 \$300,000  
OWNER: JERRY A. WENGER

(3)

Authorization is requested to utilize the Florida Department of Education Contract No. 2002-32 SCHOOL BUS POOL PURCHASE, which expires on December 12, 2003, to purchase ninety-five (95) school buses. Bus companies bid directly, through their dealers, for bus requirements for all sixty-seven (67) counties in the state, which results in the most competitive price for school buses, as specified by the Department of Education.

Fund Source  
0397-COP Series 1996A

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, INC.  
7703 INDUSTRIAL LANE  
TAMPA, FL 33637-6775 \$3,513,640  
OWNER: HOWARD B. REVELLE, PRESIDENT

RIVERS BUS & RV SALES, INC.  
10626 GENERAL AVENUE  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32220 \$3,713,761  
OWNER: LARRY SCHAFFER, PRESIDENT

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** Procurement and Materials Management, to utilize the following contracts:

1. State of Florida Contract No. 250-000-03-1 - IT HARDWARE, to purchase Hewlett-Packard/Compaq equipment, for Information Technology Services, for a total amount of \$384,015.64.

2. Orange County Public Schools Bid No. SB-01-54 - MUSICAL AND PERFORMING ARTS FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, for various schools, for a total amount of \$300,000.
3. Florida Department of Education Contract No. 2002-32 - SCHOOL BUS POOL PURCHASE, for the Department of Education, for a total amount of \$7,227,401.

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