

Personnel Management and Services
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, FLORIDA MEMORIAL COLLEGE, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI TO PROVIDE STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FROM OCTOBER 25, 2002 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2003

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES, MEDIA COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

Authorization is requested to enter into contractual agreements with Florida International University, Florida Memorial College, and the University of Miami to enable the Miami-Dade/Monroe Teacher Education Center (TEC) to deliver staff development programs based on district priorities. Specific courses include, but are not limited to, mathematics content and applications, reading, instructional technology, alternative certification seminars, and the courses required to meet the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) et al. v. State Board of Education Consent Decree. Courses that support exceptional student education and the district's internal certification program for paraprofessionals are also offered by these universities.

The cost of the contract with Florida International University will not exceed \$85,000 and is based on \$62 per Master Plan Point per course. The Florida International University contract also includes training that meets Multicultural Education Training and Advocacy, Inc., (META) requirements, add-on certification courses, and alternative certification seminars.

The cost of the contract with Florida Memorial College will not exceed \$25,000 and is based on \$62 per Master Plan Point per course. The Florida Memorial College contract addresses training on instructional strategies, classroom management, and related issues with an emphasis on new teachers and teachers in urban settings.

The cost of the contract with the University of Miami, also based on \$62 per Master Plan Point per course, will not exceed \$30,000. The University of Miami contract includes training that meets META requirements, as well as add-on certification courses.

The district will continue to use the services of individual faculty members from Nova Southeastern University, Barry University, and other institutions on an individual contract basis, as needed.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed these contract agreements on October 3, 2002, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be made as otherwise determined by the committee based on the fact that: a) Florida International University houses the largest School of Education in Miami-Dade County which provides the greatest flexibility and availability of college faculty for numerous add-on and alternative certification

programs; b) the University of Miami has historically collaborated with the Teacher Education Center to provide training and additional staff development activities in English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), mathematics, science, and reading/language arts; and c) Florida Memorial College has expertise in the design and delivery of coursework and training dealing with classroom and behavior management. Combined, these three institutions assist with meeting the staff development needs of Miami-Dade County Public Schools teachers, and are representative of the diverse communities served by the district.

The appropriation for the University of Miami contract is included in the General Fund of the 2002-2003 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6400, Program 7880, Object 5310, Location 9715 (TEC). The appropriations for the Florida International University and Florida Memorial College contracts are included in the Title II Teacher Quality Program grant budget under Fund 0420, Function 6400, Program 4014, Object 5310, Location 9017 (Instructional and Non-Instructional Staff Development).

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida International University to provide staff development programs from October 25, 2002 through October 31, 2003 at a cost not to exceed \$85,000;
2. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida Memorial College to provide staff development programs from October 25, 2002 through October 31, 2003 at a cost not to exceed \$25,000;
3. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami to provide staff development programs from October 25, 2002 through October 31, 2003 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, and
4. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, Professional Services Contract.

The appropriations for these items are included in the General Fund of the 2002-2003 Adopted Budget, and the Title II Teacher Quality Program grant budget.

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