

December 19, 2002

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH EAST FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM (NEFEC) REGION II TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO TITLE I ADMINISTRATION AND SELECTED TITLE I SCHOOLS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000, FROM JANUARY 16, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Title I Administration has the governing responsibility of providing technical assistance to ensure compliance with the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, 2001 for Miami-Dade County public schools (M-DCPS) implementing the Title I Program. The North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) Region II Technical Assistance Center is one of the legislatively identified consortia which provides technical support and services to school districts consistent with the delivery of the NCLB Act.

The NEFEC Region II Technical Assistance Center's services will include:

- General NCLB Act and Title I guidance and technical assistance;
- On-site district office visits during the school year;
- Assistance with Local Education Agency Plans;
- Technical assistance with the preparation of synopses from all statewide Technical Assistance Meetings;
- Review of Self-Evaluation Work Papers;
- NCLB Act workshops for the district Title I and Migrant Education staff;
- Assistance with project applications during the annual spring Project Review Meeting;
- Information and resources about effective programs and strategies for low performing, high poverty schools; and
- School Improvement Project Grant information and technical assistance.

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Title I will provide the funding for this contractual agreement with NEFEC in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The appropriation for this is included in the budget under Fund 0420, Function 6400, Object 5310, Location 9617, Program 4174.

The Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13 – 3F-1.021 reviewed this contractual agreement on December 17, 2002 and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as otherwise determined by the Committee. This determination was based on the NEFEC Region II Technical Assistance Center being designated by the Florida Department of Education, Title I/Migrant Programs as one of three legislatively identified consortia for technical assistance.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) Region II Title I Technical Assistance Center to provide technical support and services to Title I Administration and selected Title I Schools, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, from January 16, 2003 through June 30, 2003.

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