

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

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

COMMITTEE: FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Authorization is requested for an additional estimated amount of \$7,000,000 to purchase computer and related equipment, utilizing the State of Florida Contract No. 250-000-03-1-IT HARDWARE, which expires on July 31, 2005, in accordance with Board Rule 6Gx13- 3C-1.10 - Non-salaried Expenditures -- Purchase Approval. In compliance with the State of Florida Contract, quotations are solicited to awarded vendors on the contract, to obtain the lowest quotes meeting the District's specifications. These prices are posted on the Procurement Web Site as recommended by the Internal Audit Report of June 2002, and new quotations are required quarterly.

On October 23, 2002, the Board approved an authorization to purchase computer and related equipment for an estimated amount of \$7,000,000. The expenditures, through December 31, 2002, total \$6,482,143.12, and this additional authorization is needed to purchase computer equipment utilizing grant funds. A new bid is being developed for the District, modifying the requirements for the purchase of computers and related equipment. Modifications include but are not limited to delivery terms, pre-bid conference, solicitation of prices on a quarterly basis, mandatory certifications and compliance to reflect the current acceptable products approved for the District.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the purchase of computer and related equipment, for an estimated amount of \$7,000,000, utilizing the State of Florida Contract No. 250-000-03-1-IT HARDWARE, which expires on July 31, 2005, in accordance with Board Rule 6Gx13- 3C-1.10 -- Non-salaried Expenditures -- Purchase Approval.

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