

School Operations
George M. Koonce, Jr., Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CO-NECT, INC. OF ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT TO SOUTHWEST MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

This item is being submitted for consideration by the Board for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Co-nect, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$16,700 for the purpose of educational program support to Southwest Miami Senior High School.

Co-nect, Inc., is an education consulting organization that helps schools to increase integration of technology and project-based learning across the curriculum. This company uses a unique method that is supported by research to help teachers, students, and members of the community to raise their level of technology literacy. Co-nect, Inc. provides a school consultant, professional development, on-line support and a national conference. These services will be provided to Southwest Miami Senior High School between March 2003 and March 2004.

The Professional Services Contract Committee reviewed the contractual agreement on January 17, 2003, and recommended an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 Professional Services Contracts, regarding bids or Requests for Proposal to be granted because the company has specific expertise in this area and provides a unique service to the school.

The funds for this contract are available as indicated on Purchase Order R02042038, Fund 0100, Object 5640, Location 7741, Program 6030, Function 5103 and Purchase Order R02042047, Fund 0100, Object 5640, Location 7741, Program 9583, Function 5103.

Andrew Skoler is the Chief Executive Officer of Co-nect, Inc.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Co-nect, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$16,700 to provide educational program support to Southwest Miami Senior High School.
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, Professional Services Contracts.

The funds for this contract are available as indicated on Purchase Order Numbers R02042038 and R02042047