

Financial Affairs
George M. Burgess, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) TO FUND THE COST OF AN OUTSIDE EVALUATOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION TO ASSIST IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF THE MIAMI-DADE AREA CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT (M-DACEE) GRANT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000.00

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida International University (FIU), the primary partner for the Miami-Dade Area Center for Educational Enhancement (M-DACEE), in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00. This funding will cover the total cost of hiring an outside evaluator to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of ACEE services to the region's educators.

The focus of this grant is to build and sustain the ability of schools and the school district in support of curriculum reform and improved instructional practice designed to increase student mastery of Florida's Sunshine State Standards. The M-DACEE will provide leadership and technical assistance in the form of consultation, research-based professional development, broadened communication and collaboration with partnering agencies and institutions, and identification of resources necessary to enhance teaching and learning in Florida classrooms.

The School Board approved acceptance of the grant award at its meeting of October 23, 2002, Item B-68, for the period of September 10, 2002 through June 30, 2003. The M-DACEE grant program, as approved by the School Board, included in its budget an outside evaluator to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of ACEE services to the region's educators. Authorization for the contractual agreement being requested here, therefore, does not require submission to the Professional Services Contract Committee for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx13 - 3F-1.021.

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Funds, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00, have been awarded by the Florida Department of Education for the total expenses associated with the funding of consulting services for an outside evaluator. The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the budget under Fund 0420, Function 6400, Program 3052, Object 5310, Location 9044.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida International University (FIU) to fund the cost of an outside evaluator to conduct a comprehensive evaluation to assist in project implementation and evaluation of the Miami-Dade Area Center for Educational Enhancement (M-DACEE) Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 2002-2003 Adopted Budget.

No local funds are required.

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