

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN  
HABILITATION SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL  
AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS**

**COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with American Habilitation Services, Inc., to provide vocational training and employability skill development to individuals with disabilities. The agency will provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for exceptional students, ages 18-22. The agency has certified behavior analyst services and behavior program specialists on staff. Students who participate in these programs, in an age-appropriate environment, will gain the support necessary to make the transition from school to work upon leaving Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This facility is located at 14250 SW 119 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33186. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 2003.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Extended School Year (ESY) services, if required, will be provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The proposed contract has been developed to offer services for a maximum of 25 students, in an amount not to exceed \$237,821, based on their current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The State Director of American Habilitation Services, Inc., is Mr. Jon Fisher.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004 under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9615, and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3341, Object 5310, Location 9615.

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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with American Habilitation Services, Inc., to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 25 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$237,821, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004.

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