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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA
POWER & LIGHT (FPL) COMPANY TO PROVIDE APPLIED
TECHNOLOGY TRAINING IN ELECTRIC LINE SERVICE AND
REPAIR**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Office of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Community Education (OAVACE) is requesting authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Power & Light (FPL) Company to provide the Line Specialist Training Program, applied technology training in electric line service and repair. This contractual agreement with FPL is a new agreement.

The Line Specialist Training Program will serve approximately 50 secondary and post-secondary students at Miami Lakes Educational Center who wish to pursue a career as line specialists. Based on the number of student participants, the contract will be in an amount not to exceed \$35,774, effective August 19, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The technical component of the Line Specialist Training Program will be provided by certified instructors, supplied by FPL. All educational materials owned by FPL will be retained as its exclusive property and shall only be used as specifically authorized by the company. Students who successfully complete the program and all of its requirements will be hired by FPL. FPL training center is located at 5110 NW 159 Street, Miami, Florida 33014.

The Professional Service Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed this contractual agreement on July 29, 2004, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as FPL has specific expertise in areas, such as materials and supplies, equipment, and training facilities. The Office of Risk and Benefits Management and the Attorney's Office have approved the scope of the program.

Funding for this item will be provided by Workforce Development Education Funds and will be utilized for educational materials, supplies, and a portion of one full-time and one part-time instructors' salary.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2004-2005 Tentative Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5338/5308, Program 6230, Object 5310, Locations 8901/7391.

The President of FPL is Mr. Armando Olivera.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement, which has been reviewed and approved by the Offices of Risk and Benefits Management and the Attorney's Office, with Florida Power & Light (FPL) Company to provide applied technology training in electric line service and repair, in an amount not to exceed \$35,774, effective August 19, 2004 through June 30, 2005;
2. approve applied technology training in electric line service and repair for secondary and post-secondary students at Miami Lakes Educational Center; and
3. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2004-2005 Tentative Adopted Budget.

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