

School Police and District Security  
Gerald L. Darling, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES, TO CONDUCT TABLE TOP SIMULATION TRAINING EXERCISES IN EACH REGION AND PROVIDE WORKSHOPS FOR TRANSPORTATION PERSONNEL AS PART OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT (ERCM) GRANT PROJECT.**

**COMMITTEE:       SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and National School Safety and Security Services to conduct table top simulation training exercises in each region and provide workshops for Transportation personnel for the contract period of January 19, 2005, through June 30, 2006. The services will be provided as part of a project geared toward strengthening schools and support entities emergency response and crisis management plans.

At the November 17, 2004, School Board meeting, the Board voted to accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) for funding to improve and strengthen school Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) plans. The grant application submitted by the District presented a comprehensive plan inclusive of initiatives geared to better preparing, responding, mitigating, preventing, and recovering from critical incidents. The application identified National School Safety and Security Services for providing the important table top simulation portion of the plan.

The services to be provided by National School Safety and Security Services include:

- conduct table top simulation training exercises in each region;
- conduct debriefings for each exercise;
- conduct ½ day workshops for Transportation personnel on ERCM topics;
- project management; and
- provide final report and recommendations.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this request at its January 5, 2005 meeting, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request For Proposals be granted as otherwise determined by the Committee.

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The contract with National School Safety and Security Services will not exceed \$161,000 and will be fully funded by the grant award.

**RECOMMENDED:**

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with National School Safety and Security Services to conduct table top simulation training exercises in each region and provide workshops for Transportation personnel. The services will be funded by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Project at an amount not to exceed \$161,000, for the contract period of January 19, 2005, through June 30, 2006;
2. extend this contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the USDOE, in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021