

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE, TO PERFORM SERVICES RELATED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 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 Miami-Dade College to provide training and the production of videos relative to the Emergency Response and Crisis Management grant initiative for the contract period of January 19, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

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 significant training and community information sharing initiatives. The application identified Miami-Dade College as a partner in the development and delivery of the ERCM training and information program.

The services to be provided include:

- training Workshops for School Crisis Teams (412 School Sites);
- on-site Training (for leaders of Crisis Response Teams);
- weapons of Mass Destruction Workshops;
- training Videos for Teachers and Parents on "Responding to a Crisis and its Aftermath" and "Creating a Personal and Family Plan"; and
- production for broadcast on County Public Access Channel (Cable-Tap) and conversion to DVD with 412 duplicates.

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.

The contract with Miami-Dade College will not exceed \$123,000, and will be fully funded by the grant award.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade College to perform services related to the United States Department of Education (USDOE) Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$123,000, for a 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