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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$249,083, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., to provide vocational training and employability skills to individuals with disabilities. The agency will provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for exceptional students age 18-22. Participation in these programs will provide students with an age-appropriate environment and the support necessary for making the transition from school-to-work upon leaving Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The facility is located at 1411 NW 14 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33125. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 2000.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. 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 provide services for a maximum of 24 exceptional students based on their current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, in an amount not to exceed \$249,083, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

The Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., is Dr. Debbie Terenzio.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2005-2006 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption July 2005 under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731 and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3635, 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 United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., to provide educational services to exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$249,083, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2005-2006 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2005 and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund).

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