

May 4, 2005

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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, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$243,666, 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 American Habilitation Services, Inc., to provide vocational training and employability skill development to students 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 will provide services for a maximum of 25 students, in an amount not to exceed \$243,666, based on their current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, effective July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

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

Copies of the contractual agreement will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General under Fund of the 2005-2006 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in 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 American Habilitation Services, Inc., to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 25 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$243,666, 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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