

Freddie Woodson, Associate Superintendent
School Operations

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, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 19, 2005, THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2006

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Regional Operations 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 has been in effect since August 2004.

This training program will serve approximately 50 secondary and postsecondary students who wish to pursue a career as line specialists, at Miami Lakes Educational Center and other centers. Based on the number of student participants, the contract will be in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, effective August 19, 2005, through August 30, 2006. 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 N.W. 159 Street, Miami, Florida 33014.

The Professional Service Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed this contractual agreement on June 16, 2005, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as FPL has specific expertise in the area of Line Specialist Training and will provide the requisite 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, liability insurance, 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 2005-2006 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2005 under Fund 0100, Function 5338/5308, Program 6230, Object 5310, Location 8901.

The President of FPL is Mr. Armando Olivera.

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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 Florida Power & Light (FPL) to provide applied technology training in electric line service and repair, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, effective August 19, 2005, through August 30, 2006; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

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.

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