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SUBJECT: TWO YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT WITH ERNST & YOUNG, LLP FOR EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

According to Board Rule 6Gx13-2C-1.142, the Audit Committee serves as the Committee to select and recommend the hiring of the external auditing firm to conduct the required annual audit in accordance with Florida Statutes. The current three-year contract with Ernst & Young expired with their completion of the Single Audit for fiscal year 2004-05. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the Audit Committee to consider extending the contract for a maximum of two years or alternatively directing District staff to initiate the RFP process. Since 1981, all of the contracts have been for a three-year period with an option to extend for two more years. These options have always been exercised by the School Board, pursuant to recommendations from the Audit Committee.

The School Board Audit Committee reviewed the extension of the contract at its January 31, 2006 meeting, and recommended forwarding it to the School Board.

Copies were previously distributed and will be placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center. Additional copies will be provided upon request.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the **Two Year Extension of the Contract with Ernst & Young, LLP for External Auditing Services.**

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