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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000, FOR THE PARENT RESOURCE CENTERS LOCATED ON THE NORTH MIAMI BEACH AND KENDALL CAMPUSES

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In support of the Cooperative Agreement that established a partnership between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Nova Southeastern University (NSU) at the July 13, 2005, School Board meeting, authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the period of July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, for staffing services from NSU. Funds for this contract will be provided through Title I, Part A, as a set aside requirement for Parental Involvement under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) of 2001. The contract supports staff positions to provide technical assistance at the Parent Resource Centers (PRC) jointly operated by NSU and M-DCPS on the campuses of NSU. The PRC's are open daily, in the evenings during the week, and some sites are open on Saturday to provide information, training, and technical support to parents. The Parent Academy (TPA) also works closely with the PRC's as host sites for TPA classes. The Parent Resource Centers are funded by Title I and managed by the Office of Community Services.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F1.021, reviewed this contractual agreement on November 14, 2005, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Requests for Proposal be granted by the Committee because of the contractor's sole source in the field of PRC programming.

The funds will be used by NSU for staffing services at the North Miami Beach campus, located at 1750 N.E. 167 Street, North Miami Beach, Florida, and the Kendall campus, located at 8585 S.W. 124 Avenue, Miami, Florida.

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RECOMMENDED:

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, with Nova Southeastern University Fischler School of Education and Human Services for The Parent Resource Centers located on the North Miami Beach and Kendall campuses; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 based on sole source.

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