

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO AMEND THE EXISTING CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATION LOGISTICS, INC. (EDULOG), TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL CONSULTING SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$59,800, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 (ORIGINAL CONTRACT AWARDED ON AUGUST 20, 2003)

} Revised

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Authorization is requested to amend the existing contractual agreement with Education Logistics, Inc. (EDULOG) to provide additional training and technical consulting services to facilitate the implementation of a new automated school bus routing and attendance boundary analysis software program. The original award in the amount of \$526,625 was authorized by the School Board on August 20, 2003 (Agenda Item G-106) and the contract was executed on November 24, 2003, to purchase a new automated school bus routing and attendance boundary analysis software program.

} Revised

Development and installation of the electronic map of Miami-Dade County that forms the basis of the EDULOG software program was accomplished during 2004 and 2005. Basic training for Transportation Department staff in the use of the system was started in 2005, and web applications to replace the transportation screen in the student information system were developed in the spring of 2006. The old software that has been used since 1984 to plan school bus routes is being retired this summer, and the new software from EDULOG will be used to plan bus routes for the 2006-2007 school year. Therefore, additional technical support and training are needed in order to ensure a smooth transition to the new software, and to ensure that school bus routing information is ready for the opening of the new school year. Article II of the original contract provides for increases in the scope of services. Pursuant to said contract, the terms will be amended to provide for additional training from July 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$59,800.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this item on Thursday, May 25, 2006, and recommended an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request For Proposals be granted based on the fact that only EDULOG has the specific expertise required to provide the needed support during this transition period. No other organization can provide or duplicate the services of EDULOG as described above, as the software from EDULOG is rich in complex features which use a proprietary database and require EDULOG specific report generation and database maintenance.

The founder and Chief Executive Officer of Education Logistics, Inc. (EDULOG) is Dr. Hien Q. Nguyen.

The appropriation for the item is included in the Discretionary Fund of the 2005-2006 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Object 5390, Location 9230, Program 7250, Function 7800.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent of Schools to amend the existing contractual agreement with Education Logistics, Inc. (EDULOG) to provide additional training and technical consulting services to facilitate the implementation of a new automated school bus routing and attendance boundary analysis software program, in an amount not to exceed \$59,800, effective July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 (original contract awarded on August 20, 2003); and } Revised
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, for EDULOG, based upon specific expertise.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Discretionary Fund of the 2005-2006 Adopted Budget.