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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR THE SKILLS FOR ACADEMIC, VOCATIONAL AND ENGLISH STUDIES (SAVES) ADULT REFUGEE PROJECT

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families in the amount of \$7,700,000, to receive funds for the Skills for Academic, Vocational and English Studies (SAVES) Adult Refugee Project for the two-year performance-based contract period of August 14, 2006, through August 13, 2008. The funding level for the first year is \$4,400,000. The goal of the SAVES project is to provide English language and job training to eligible adult refugees and asylees. This contract will be managed by School Operations and supports the Superintendent's initiative of ensuring achievement of high academic standards by all students.

The contract provides funds for the SAVES project which is in its tenth year of operation in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The program has served over 5,000 eligible refugees and asylees each of the past three years. An outside research study done by a professor at Florida International University found that SAVES clients out-performed the general adult population particularly in job placement.

The project coordinator oversees services in 15 adult centers. SAVES clients are provided free English and academic classes as well as one year vocational training. Other services include screening for eligibility, assessment of skills, placement in appropriate training programs, and provision of support services. In addition, on an as needed basis, clients receive support services which includes, childcare, scholarships, bus passes, textbooks, and referrals to employment services.

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Contract funds also provide for a full-time instructional supervisor, three full-time educational specialists, three full-time teachers, a full-time programmer, a full-time fiscal assistant, and two full-time clerical staff. No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the contract.

Official notification of this contract was received on August 14, 2006, which is the first day of the contract period. Reimbursement of contract-related expenditures is authorized effective August 14, 2006.

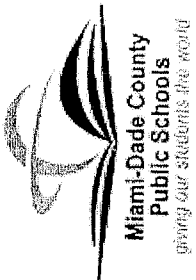
RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families to receive funds in the amount of \$7,700,000, for the Skills for Academic, Vocational and English Studies (SAVES) Adult Refugee Project for the contract period of August 14, 2006, through August 13, 2008;
2. retain funds from the contract in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate as allowed and approved by the Florida Department of Education;
3. extend this contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the contracting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
4. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the contracting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?
 Entitlement Grant Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: SAVES - Skills for Academic, Vocational, and English Studies - 2006-2007

Grant Period Beginning August 14, 2006 Ending August 13, 2007 (Date)

FUNCTION	Total Budget	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	2,851,089.00	1,840,326.00	439,190.00	454,573.00		48,000.00		69,000.00
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	138,911.00*						138,911.00*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100	1,410,000.00						1,410,000.00
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	4,400,000.00	1,840,326.00	439,190.00	454,573.00		48,000.00		1,617,911.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 138,911

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-83 Board Meeting of October 11, 2006 (Date)