

Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent  
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (USDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE TRANSITION TO TEACHING PROGRAM FOR PROJECT CREATING A TEACHING COMMUNITY (CTC) AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH MIAMI DADE COLLEGE AND LEARNING POINT ASSOCIATES**

**COMMITTEE:   INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE), in the total amount of \$1,477,501, to fund Project Creating a Teaching Community (CTC), and enter into separate contractual agreements with Miami Dade College and Learning Point Associates for the amounts of \$330,195, and \$200,000, respectively, for the grant period of October 1, 2006, through September 30, 2011. The purpose of this project is to identify, recruit, hire, and retain 150 career changers as teachers in historically difficult to staff schools, including STELLAR schools in need of elementary teachers, high school mathematics and science teachers, and exceptional education teachers in all grade levels. The project will also result in a streamlined hiring system with a single point of entry which is coordinated and computerized. The grant will be managed by the Office of Human Resources and supports the District's goal to recruit, develop and retain high-performing, diverse, and motivated faculty.

Recruitment will be incentive driven, and will target second career professionals and military veterans. Credentialing will be streamlined with a variety of pre-service workshops, an alternative certificate institute, and professional development offered online and in person. Support services include face-to-face and electronic mentoring; a web-based system to facilitate communication; and assistance in moving to Miami and finding affordable housing.

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In accordance with the terms of the grant application, authorization is requested to enter into two separate contractual agreements in order to meet the objectives and goals of the grant. Miami Dade College (MDC) will provide alternative certification for participants through the state-approved Educator Preparation Institute, will offer tutoring services, and will track student progress via electronic portfolios. Total five-year contract is \$330,195. The second contract will be with Learning Point Associates, which will serve as external evaluator over the five-year project to provide objective assessment and ongoing feedback. The Chief Executive Officer is Ms. Gina Burkhardt. This contract will not exceed \$40,000 annually, for a total of \$200,000 over five years.

Matching funds in the amount of \$307,145, have been committed for the five-year project. These funds include a percentage of full-time salaries and fringe benefits for personnel who will oversee grant implementation and supplies. Grant funds will be used for full-time salaries, contracted services, travel, MDC tuition for participants, books, incentives, stipends, and marketing.

Official notification of this grant award was received on July 17, 2006. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective October 1, 2006.

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

1. accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education, for funding the Project Creating a Teaching Community (CTC) in the total amount of \$1,477,501, for the grant period of October 1, 2006, through September 30, 2011;
2. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;
3. enter into separate contractual agreements in the total amount of \$530,195, for the grant period of October 1, 2006, through September 20, 2011 with:
  - a. Miami Dade College, in the total amount of \$330,195;
  - b. Learning Point Associates, in the total amount of \$200,000;

4. extend this program and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
5. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting 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: Transition to Teaching

Grant Period Beginning October 1, 2006 Ending September 30, 2011  
 (Date) (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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300	1,023,272.00	74,377.00	694,680.00				8,400.00
Instructional Staff Training	6400	201,750.00	19,731.00					
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	52,479.00*						52,479.00*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700	200,000.00		200,000.00				
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>1,477,501.00</b>	<b>427,834.00</b>	<b>94,108.00</b>	<b>894,680.00</b>				<b>60,879.00</b>

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 52,479

Reviewed By [Signature]  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-89 Board Meeting of October 11, 2006  
 (Number) (Date)