

Office of School Board Attorney
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SUBJECT: PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

As a result of a Request For Information ("RFI") issued by the District, at the School Board meeting of July 11, 2007, the School Board Attorney submitted Agenda Item G-6, which presented a slate of selected law firms (identified through the RFI process) that the Board Attorney would contract with--on behalf of the Board--for legal services in specialized fields of practice. At the July 11, 2007 meeting, the Board approved Agenda Item G-6 and authorized the Board Attorney to contract with the selected firms on an as-needed basis.

Due to changes in personnel at one of the selected firms (which took place after the list of selected firms was presented to the Board), the School Board Attorney is presenting the following modification of the selected firms for the Board's approval:

- **General Civil Litigation**

Holland & Knight LLP

The above listed firm is being replaced with the firm of
Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri LLP

All other previously selected firms remain the same.

- **Immigration**

Holland & Knight LLP

The above-listed firm is being replaced with the firm of
Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri LLP

All other previously selected firms remain the same.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, pursuant to the authority granted at the July 11, 2007 School Board meeting and in accordance the RFI (numbers 061-GG10 and 081-GG10), further authorize the Office of the School Board Attorney to contract on behalf of the Board for legal services with the law firm of Avila Rodriguez Hernandez Mena & Ferri LLP, up to the maximum rates quoted in the RFI, for the respective practice areas for a term of up to three years, with an additional two year contract extension subject to further Board approval.

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