

Freddie Woodson, Associate Superintendent
School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FPL) COMPANY TO PROVIDE CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING IN ELECTRIC LINE SERVICE AND REPAIR, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 ANNUALLY, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 20, 2007

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT ADULT/VOCATIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

School Operations is requesting authorization to enter into additional contractual agreements with the Florida Power & Light (FPL) Company to provide career technical training, in electric line service and repair as needed. This contractual agreement has been in effect since August 2004.

This training program will serve secondary and postsecondary students who wish to pursue a career as line specialists, at Miami Lakes Educational Center and other centers. Based on the number of classes, the contract will be in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 annually, effective December 20, 2007. The contract amount for each secondary training program will be \$25,000 and \$35,000 for each postsecondary training program. The technical component of the Line Specialist Training will be provided by certified instructors, supplied by FPL. All educational materials owned by FPL will be retained as its exclusive property and shall only be used as specifically authorized by the company. Students who successfully complete the program and all of its requirements will be hired by FPL. FPL training center is located at 5110 N.W. 159 Street, Miami, Florida 33014.

The Professional Service Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 reviewed this contractual agreement on November 29, 2007, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as FPL has specific expertise in the area of Line Specialist Training and will provide the requisite materials and supplies, equipment, and training facilities.

Funding for this item will be provided by Workforce Development Education Funds and will be utilized for educational materials, supplies, liability insurance, and instructors' salary.

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RECOMMENDED:

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

1. enter into contractual agreements with Florida Power & Light (FPL) to provide career technical training in electric line service and repair, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 annually, effective December 20, 2007, through June 30, 2010; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, as FPL has specific expertise in the area of Line Specialist Training.

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