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**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (USDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY PROGRAM, AND TO ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH EDVANTIA, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU), LEARNERS ONLINE, AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR HISTORY EDUCATION (AIHE)**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:     IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS**

Authorization is requested to accept a highly competitive grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE), in the approximate amount of \$3,043,164, to fund the Teaching American History program and to enter into separate contractual agreements with Edvantia for evaluation services not to exceed \$328,428, Florida International University (FIU) for educational services not to exceed \$590,921, Learners Online for technological support services not to exceed \$125,000, and the American Institute for History Education (AIHE) for professional development services not to exceed \$479,440, for the grant period of July 15, 2009, through July 14, 2014. The purpose of this five-year grant is to provide 290 teachers of American history in 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades with professional development tailored to their needs. The grant will be managed by Curriculum and Instruction, Social Sciences and Life Skills and supports the District's goal to ensure achievement of high academic standards for all students.

Participants in *Teaching American History in Miami-Dade County, Phase II* may choose from professional development designed specifically for 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers; a series of 2-day workshops taught by history scholars; or a Master Degree program. A limited number of scholar-guided travel opportunities are available each summer based on performance. The grant also includes funds to cover testing fees for participants completing Florida Teacher Certification.

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Participation is open to all teachers of 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade American History. In accordance with the grant award, recruitment efforts will be targeted, and preference will be given, to teachers in high-need schools, defined as: schools that meet the Florida Department of Education definition of Schools in Need of Improvement; schools that have not made Adequate Yearly Progress; and teachers who do not meet the definition of highly qualified teachers in the subject area.

In accordance with the terms of the grant application, separate contractual agreements will be executed for the period of July 15, 2009, through July 14, 2012 for the value of services to be delivered during this 3-year grant budget period, with the option to extend the contract for the remaining two years as detailed below:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Contract Amount for Years 1-3</b>	<b>Option to Extend the Contract for this Amount in Years 4-5</b>	<b>Total Contracted Amount Not to Exceed this Amount for All Years</b>	<b>Services/ Target Audience</b>
Edvantia, Inc.	\$191,206	\$137,222	\$328,428	External evaluation
Florida International University	\$367,594	\$223,327	\$590,921	Master Degree; 5 <sup>th</sup> grade teachers
American Institute for History Education	\$256,440	\$223,000	\$479,440	Intensive Series; Scholar-Guided Travel
Learners Online	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$125,000	Online resources, perpetual licenses, training
<b>Total Contractual Services</b>	<b>\$890,240</b>	<b>\$633,549</b>	<b>\$1,523,789</b>	

The Master Degree program relies upon tuition reimbursement for one cohort of 20 teachers. Grant funds will be used to fund one full-time Project Coordinator and one part-time Project Assistant with social studies expertise; equipment; required out-of-county travel; printing and supplies; textbooks; test fees; contracted services; teacher stipends; substitute coverage; and program evaluation.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed the contractual agreements with Learners Online and the American Institute for History Education on August 20, 2009, and recommended that an exception to the Rule regarding bids or Requests for Proposals be granted by the Committee because both contractors provide specific expertise in providing professional development in the teaching of American history and the development of online history resources that promote the integration of technology into the classroom.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Official notification of this award was received on July 22, 2009 which was after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant activities is authorized effective July 15, 2009.

**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 (USDOE) for the Teaching American History program in the total amount of \$3,043,164 for the grant period of July 15, 2009, through July 14, 2014;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements for the grant budget period of July 15, 2009, through July 14, 2012, with an option to extend these agreements through the end of the grant performance period of July 14, 2014, with:
  - a. Edvantia, in an amount not to exceed \$328,428;
  - b. Florida International University, in an amount not to exceed \$590,921;
  - c. Learners Online in an amount not to exceed \$125,000;
  - d. American Institute for History Education in an amount not to exceed \$479,440;
3. grant an exception pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, related to Requests for Proposals on the basis that the American Institute for History Education and Learners Online possess specific expertise required for implementation of the program through the grant award;
4. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the USDOE;
5. extend this program and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program;
6. direct Financial Services to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board; and
7. authorize travel out-of-state as required by the grant parameters.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes  
 No  
 Entitlement Grant  
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Teaching American History Phase 2 - Years 1 - 3

Grant Period Beginning July 15, 2009 Ending July 14, 2012 (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:								
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	1,759,804.00	659,022.00	933,440.00	42,746.00			
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	40,076.00*						40,076.00*
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							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	1,799,880.00	659,022.00	124,596.00	933,440.00		42,746.00		40,076.00

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$40,076.00

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 Division of Budget

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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: Teaching American History Phase 2 - Years 4 - 5

Grant Period Beginning July 15, 2012 Ending July 14, 2014  
(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)
<b>INSTRUCTION SERVICES</b>								
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES:</b>								
Pupil Personnel Services	5000							
Instructional Media Services	6100							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6200							
Instructional Staff Training	6300							
Board of Education	6400	439,348.00	83,064.00	665,351.00		28,662.00		
General Administration	7100							
School Administration	7200	26,859.00*						26,859.00*
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7300							
Fiscal Services	7400							
Food Services	7500							
Central Services	7600							
Transportation Services	7700							
Operation of Plant	7800							
Maintenance of Plant	7900							
Community Services	8100							
Debt	9100							
Debt	9200							
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>1,243,284.00</b>	<b>439,348.00</b>	<b>83,064.00</b>	<b>665,351.00</b>		<b>28,662.00</b>		<b>26,859.00</b>

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$26,859.00

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Division of Budget

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