

Office of School Facilities
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF THE TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (STATE SCHOOL YYY-1) MASTER PLAN FOR PURPOSES OF SUBMITTING IT TO THE UNITED STATES GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL (USGBC), UNDER ITS "LEED® FOR SCHOOLS" V2.0 GOLD CERTIFICATION PROCESS

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

**LINK TO
STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

TERRA Environmental Research Institute (State School YYY-1) has been submitted to the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for "LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for Schools" Gold certification. The USGBC is a non-profit organization that comprises every sector of the building industry, and whose primary goal is to promote healthy, energy efficient and environmentally sustainable facilities. The USGBC LEED® green building certification system is the foremost rating system for design, construction, and operation of green buildings. Over 35,000 projects currently participate in the LEED® rating system, comprising over 5.6 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 91 countries.

If awarded the LEED® Gold certification, TERRA would become the first new full campus public high school in the country to attain that distinction under LEED® for Schools v2.0. One of the elements required for this certification is the adoption by the governing body of a sustainable Master Plan for the facility, which in this case is in place. Submission of the Master Plan does not commit or require any funding on the part of the District.

The Master Plan can be viewed at:
<http://attachmentManagerFiles.dadeschools.net/getFile.ashx?id=DNV000HFztZnNFCDmw0zQKnoKzN6wOHsOOA~!1agxiyhkHAt6J1JCRw==&app=AttachmentManager>

In addition, a copy of the Master Plan is being transmitted to the Board under separate cover and is on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt the Master Plan for TERRA Environmental Research Institute (State School YYY-1) for purposes of submitting it to the USGBC, under its "LEED® for Schools" V2.0 Gold certification process.