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**SUBJECT: STRATEGIC ALLIANCE MEMORANDUM WITH THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP JOINT TRAINING AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES FOR THE MINORITY, WOMEN-OWNED, AND SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

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

The District actively seeks to identify and implement best practices that stimulate the economic growth of local small businesses. The development of a Strategic Alliance Memorandum (Memorandum) with the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) will assist to identify and implement these best practices. The Memorandum is a cost-effective business strategy for the District to expand training and outreach opportunities for local small businesses by means of a common goal.

The Memorandum recognizes the common interest of the SBA and District in the development of joint training and outreach activities as well as the dissemination of information to local minority, women-owned, and small businesses. SBA will provide information regarding its resource partners, make available pamphlets, brochures and other publications, and provide access to the SBA website.

The initial term of the Memorandum is for two years effective from the date of execution by all parties. Each party reserves the right to terminate the Memorandum for any reason upon thirty days written notice. The Memorandum may not be amended except by written agreement signed by all of the parties. The entering of this Memorandum is at no cost to the parties.

Copies of the Memorandum will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Recording Secretary, Room 924 and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132.

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

1. execute and implement a Strategic Alliance Memorandum (Memorandum) with the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) for an initial term of two years from the date of execution by both parties; and
2. renew, terminate, and/or modify the Memorandum as needed in writing with the other party.

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