Financial Affairs Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE OTHER ENTITY BIDS FOR SUBJECT: **PURCHASES OVER \$100,000**

Authorization is requested to utilize Miami-Dade County, Florida, Bid #5755-2/01-1 - OEM PARTS AND REPAIR FOR G.E. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, which expires on June 30, 2000, to purchase 270 Ericsson 800 MHz EDAC mobile radios for the new school buses. These radios will be used for communication and safety purposes, by the Department of Transportation. A district bid is being developed and is scheduled to open January 2000, and will be scheduled for an award recommendation at the March 15, 2000, Board meeting.

Fund Source 0100-General M/WBE Eligibility None

COOPER-GENERAL CORPORATION 175 FOUNTAINEBLEAU BLVD., 1-R MIAMI, FLORIDA 33172 OWNER: JOHN M. FRESCO, PRESIDENT

\$212,625

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management, to utilize Miami-Dade County, Florida, Bid #5755-2/01-1 OEM PARTS AND REPAIR FOR G.E. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, to purchase 270 Ericsson 800 EDAC mobile radios for new school buses, for the Department of Transportation, for a total amount of \$212,625.

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