

Facilities Planning and Construction
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF GE CAPITAL MODULAR
MOBILE OFFICE AND INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS**

At its October 1999 meeting, the Board authorized payment to GE Capital Modular for leasing of various trailers being used as instructional and office space. These lease payments were authorized through February 29, 2000. The Board also authorized negotiating the purchase of units from this vendor for which a verifiable need was established (Board Meeting of October 20, 1999, Item J-25). At its February meeting the Board authorized the extension of these leases in order to allow time to continue negotiations and develop alternatives, if the need arose.

GE Capital Modular has since responded with several purchase proposals, the last of which has been judged to be acceptable. A package price of \$109,668 has been offered for the units listed below.

LOCATION	SIZE	SQ. FT.
Miami Beach Sr	24X48	1152
Hialeah El.	24X48	1152
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West Miami Md.	24X48	1152
Trans. Cent. West	24X40	960
School Police	36X60	2160

TOTAL		8880

This total cost of \$109,668 or \$12.35 per square foot, is viewed as equitable. Given that the cost associated with replacement of the units would be substantially higher, approximately \$325,000 based upon the cost of purchasing and installing new units, and programs and operations would also suffer significant, long term disruption, acceptance of this offer appears to be in the best interests of the District.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize payment to GE Capital Modular in the amount \$109,668 for the purchase of 7 mobile office and instructional units.