

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

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

(1)

Authorization is requested to utilize The School Board of Palm Beach, County, Florida, Bid #00C-10K – TERM CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL CAFETERIAS, which expires on December 31, 2001, to purchase margarine, for the Food Service Program of the Department of Food and Nutrition. Miami-Dade County Public Schools currently does not have a bid to purchase margarine. This brand of margarine was rejected on the balance of award of Bid #118-ZZ03 – FOOD ITEMS: FROZEN AND REFRIGERATED. Utilizing this contract will result in a savings to the District of approximately \$12,511.10, compared to the prices received, and the estimated annual quantity note on the District bid.

Fund Source

0410 – Food Service

M/WBE Eligibility

None

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE SYSTEMS, INC.
501 N.E. 183 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33179
OWNER: STEPHEN M. GREENE, PRESIDENT

\$211,250.97

(2)

Authorization is requested to utilize the State of Florida Contract #730-650-99-1 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - PRIVATE AUTOMATIC BRANCH EXCHANGE, which expires on February 16, 2004, to purchase telephone private automatic branch exchange (PBX) equipment, for 90 middle, senior high and vocational schools, for the Office of Information Technology. Quotations are being solicited from the 3 awarded vendors on the contract to obtain the lowest bid meeting all the District's specifications. The new phone systems will replace old equipment and will serve the District for the next 5 to 7 years. Funding was approved by the Schools and Library Division (SLD) of the E-Rate program, on July 14, 2000, for approximately 35% of the actual price, estimated at \$4,586,541. The amount of this purchase will not exceed \$1,602,390.

Fund Source
0100 - General

M/WBE Eligibility
None

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management, to utilize the following contracts:

1. The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, Bid #00C-10K - TERM CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL CAFETERIAS, to purchase margarine, for the Food Service Program of the Department of Food and Nutrition, for a total amount of \$211,250.97.
2. The State of Florida Contract #730-650-99-1 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - PRIVATE AUTOMATIC BRANCH EXCHANGE, to purchase telephone private automatic branch exchange (PBX) equipment, for 90 middle, senior high and vocational schools, for the Office of Information Technology, for a total amount of \$1,602,390.

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