

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO SELECT OUTSIDE AGENCIES
TO OPERATE APPLIED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS FOR LOW INCOME
AND/OR INCARCERATED YOUTH**

Authorization is requested to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to outside agencies interested in operating applied technology programs for low income and/or incarcerated youth. Each agency seeking funding from Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) must conform to Board-approved standards for contracted programs. The RFP criteria shall include, but not be limited to, detailed cost analyses, proof of insurance, safe physical plant, adequate security, and various support services designed to meet the needs of economically disadvantaged and/or incarcerated youth. The RFP will be transmitted to various agencies who have expressed interest in entering into contracts with M-DCPS for the purpose of providing applied technology training for low income and/or incarcerated youth. In addition, the RFP will be advertised through various media.

A selection committee will be established to assess the degree to which interested agencies have met the selection criteria. This selection committee will consist of:

- an administrator from the Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Dropout Prevention Programs;
- an administrator from the Division of Applied Technology;
- an administrator from the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management;
- an instructional supervisor from each applicable vocational education program area;
- an administrator from the Department of Fiscal Services;
- an administrator from the Department of Business and Industry Services;
- an administrator from Management and Compliance Audits;
- an administrator from the Division of Business Development and Assistance; and
- a post secondary teacher.

The estimated timeline for implementation is as follows:

Procurement Contract Review Committee	April 12, 2001
Request Board approval to issue RFP and approval of Selection Committee	April 18, 2001
Mailing of RFP	April 23, 2001
Opening of Proposals	May 10, 2001
Evaluations completed by Selection Committee	May 14, 2001
Recommendations to School Board for approval	June 20, 2001

A copy of the RFP will be provided to Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals to select outside agencies to operate applied technology programs for low income and/or incarcerated youth; and
2. approve a Selection Committee to evaluate the submitted proposals.

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