

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE COALITION OF FLORIDA FARMWORKERS ORGANIZATION INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000; ONE NATION, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000; ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000; AND FLORIDA HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000; FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$92,000; TO PROVIDE ENGLISH LITERACY AND CIVICS EDUCATION, FROM APRIL 19, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

Under the Adult Education Act, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), Division of Workforce Development, provides performance-based grants to all eligible educational agencies for programs that address one or more of the national or state adult education priorities. Miami-Dade County Public Schools in conjunction with the FDOE recommends that eligible agencies form a collaborative partnership or consortium to better tailor their service to the multiple needs of the community. Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organization, Inc. (COFFO), One Nation, Inc., and ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., to provide English literacy and civics education to ESOL Adult Learner clients. Florida Human Resources Development will be contracted to provide in-service training to Adult Basic Education teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) for "On Common Ground."

The contractual agreements with the aforementioned agencies will provide English literacy and civics education as follows:

- COFFO: at a cost not to exceed \$30,000;
- One Nation: at a cost not to exceed \$25,000;
- ASPIRA: at a cost not to exceed \$25,000; and
- Florida Human Resources Development: at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.

The total cost of the four contractual agreements will not exceed \$92,000.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 reviewed this item on March 23, 2001, and recommended that an exception to the rule be granted on the basis of specific expertise.

Mr. Harold Jean-Baptiste is the Director of the Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organization, Inc.; Ms. Yurien Moreno is the Executive Director of One Nation, Inc.; Mr. Raul Martinez is the President of ASPIRA of Florida, Inc.; and Mr. Ron Froman is the President of the Florida Human Resources Development.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget under Fund 0420, Function 5401, Program 4134, Objects 5310 and 5390, Location 8001.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into contractual agreements with Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organization, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$30,000; One Nation, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; and Florida Human Resources Development in an amount not to exceed \$12,000; for a total cost not to exceed \$92,000; to provide English Literacy and Civics Education to ESOL Adult Learner clients, from April 19, 2001 through June 30, 2001; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget.

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