

September 11, 2001

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 003-BB10 – APPLICANT –
OUTSIDE AGENCIES QUALIFIED TO OPERATE ALTERNATIVE
PROGRAMS FOR M-DCPS AT-RISK STUDENTS**

The purpose of this Request For Proposals, opened on September 4, 2001, is to establish a partnership, with a qualified agency, to seek a grant award available under Appropriations 131-A, to provide educational services for students in at-risk alternative education programs, for the Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Dropout Prevention Programs. The Florida Legislature has provided an appropriation of approximately \$5 million for partnerships between outside organizations and school districts interested in exploring new methods for delivering alternative education programs. The funding is designated to serve a minimum of 500 or more disruptive and low-performing students per school in grades 6-12. This is a term proposal which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be required, at the price proposed, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. Of 32 proposers sent proposal forms or card notices of this advertised proposal, 4 responded, with 1 proposal meeting specifications, 2 non-responsive proposals (did not meet proposal specifications) and 1 no proposal.

Fund Source
Grant Funds

M/WBE Eligibility
None

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

1. **ACCEPT** Community Education Partners, Inc., as a partner to apply for grant funds provided under Appropriation 131-A, in response to Request For Proposals No. 003-BB10;
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent to apply for grant funds available under Appropriation 131-A, in partnership with Community Education Partners, Inc.;

REPLACEMENT

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3. Award Request For Proposals No 003-BB10 – APPLICANT – OUTSIDE AGENCIES QUALIFIED TO OPERATE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS FOR M-DCPS AT-RISK STUDENTS, to provide educational services for students in at-risk alternative education programs, for the Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Dropout Prevention, during the term of the proposal, effective September 12, 2001, through September 11, 2002, upon approval of the grant by the Florida Department of Education, as follows:

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PARTNERS, INC.
293 PLUS PARK BLVD., SUITE 240
NASHVILLE, TN 37217
OWNER: RANDLE RICHARDSON, C.E.O.

Highest Rated Proposal

4. Authorize the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management to purchase up to the total amount of the grant award.