

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REVIEW THE CURRENT PROCUREMENT BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR BOTH REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD AT THE MAY BOARD MEETING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND POSSIBLE RULEMAKING AS TO THE MODEL PROCEDURES FOR BIDDING

At the March 5, 2002, Financial Affairs Committee Meeting, a discussion by Committee members, Board members and staff occurred. That discussion concerned the procedures set forth in two Miami Herald articles concerning requests for proposals. Those articles will be provided to the Board under separate cover. In one of the articles, a company accused the school district of unfair dealing in awarding contracts. These allegations cause concern over the current RFP/Bid proposal process. Additionally, in a recent administrative ruling, a DOAH Administrative Law Judge issued an 87-page ruling stating that the district showed "bias and favoritism" in choosing a drug screening company.

In reviewing the process and procedures at the Committee meeting, Board members expressed concern regarding subjectivity in the process and the supplying of appropriate documentation to selection committee members. Board members and attendees discussed a need for a consistent uniform set of procedures for bidding procedures. Therefore, it is recommended that the School Board direct the Superintendent to review the current procurement bidding procedures for both requests for proposals and competitive bids and to provide a report to the Board at the May Board meeting with recommendations for improvements and possible rulemaking as to the model procedures for bidding.

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