

Business Operations  
Joe Arriola, Chief Business Officer

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH E-BUILDER TO UTILIZE THE TEAMBUILDER® INTERNET APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING APPLICATION SERVICE PROVIDER (ASP) SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,599 FOR AN 18 MONTH PERIOD.**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee to enter into an amendment of the contractual agreement with E-Builder to utilize the TeamBuilder® Internet application and supporting Application Service Provider (ASP) services for construction claims control and project management expanded from State School "C" to an additional site, State School "TT". The proposed amendment is for an expansion of the pilot project to investigate the use of collaborative Internet tools and applications as a management tool for the Board's construction program. The base contract for State School "C" was approved by the Board at its meeting of October 24, 2001. The inclusion of State School "TT" will allow the application to be piloted throughout the design phase of a project and to test the system's capabilities with regard to multi-project utilization. This technology has the potential to greatly enhance and expedite existing conventional methods of communication and coordination between construction project team members, providing information and document sharing, progress tracking, and records/document capture and retrieval. This methodology is also expected to result in reduced claims and litigation expenses and to reduce costs in other areas, such as printing, copying, and delivery. State School "TT" is on a site contiguous to State School "C" and has the same architect, project manager and will utilize a common site camera.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed this contractual amendment on March 19, 2002 and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as otherwise determined by the Committee. The Committee's approval included direction that upon evaluation of these pilot projects, further expansion of Internet application of this nature would follow the RFP process.

The appropriation of this item is included in the Capital Budget of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0309, Function 7400, Program 2771, Object 5630, Location 0043.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into an amendment of the contractual agreement with E-Builder to utilize the TeamBuilder® Internet application and supporting Application Service Provider (ASP) services in an amount not to exceed \$25,599 for an 18 month period; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Capital Budget of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget.

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