

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: RENEW REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 153-AA10 – SUPPORTED
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES**

The purpose of this Request For Proposals, opened on May 17, 2001, was to establish a contract, with an agency, to provide supported employment services, for the education of students with moderate to severe disabilities, for the Office of Exceptional Student Education and Student Services. The terms of agreement, as contained in the subject proposal, awarded by the Board on June 20, 2001, provided, that by mutual agreement between the successful vendor and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the contract may be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. The contract is currently in its initial year. The awardee has agreed to renew for the first one (1) year renewal period, by letter, on file. It is considered to be in the best interest of the Board to renew this proposal, for an additional one (1) year period, at the current prices, to benefit from fixed prices, during the next twelve (12) months, inasmuch as the Consumer Price Index (CPI), for education and communication, as of February 2002, indicated an increase of 3.2%.

Fund Source
0100-General

M/WBE Eligibility
None

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **RENEW** Request For Proposals No. 153-AA10 – SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, to establish a contract, with an agency, to provide supported employment services, for the education of students with moderate to severe disabilities, for the Office of Exceptional Student Education and Student Services, during the term of the proposal, effective July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003, as follows:

1. EASTER SEALS MIAMI-DADE, INC.
1475 N.W. 14 AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33125 ESTIMATE \$200,000
JOAN L. BORNSTEIN, PRESIDENT/C.E.O.

Highest Rated Proposal.

Supported Employment Services @ \$20 per hour
Total hours: 10,000.

(First Annual Renewal and Second Year of Contract)

2. Authorize Procurement and Materials Management to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$200,000.

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