

Financial Affairs  
George M. Burgess, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:           EXTEND CONTRACT NO. 153-AA10 – SUPPORTED  
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

**COMMITTEE:       BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

The purpose of the 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 contract, awarded by the Board on June 20, 2001, and extended on May 15, 2002, provided, that by mutual agreement between the successful vendor and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the contract may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. The contract is currently in its first extension period. The awardee has agreed to extend for the second one (1) year extension period, by letter, on file. It is considered to be in the best interest of the Board to extend this contract, 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 2003, indicated an increase of 2.2%.

Fund Source  
0100-General

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **EXTEND** Contract No. 153-AA10 – SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 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 contract, effective July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, 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.

**(Second Annual Extension and Final Year of Contract)**

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

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