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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH RIVERDEEP, INC., FOR ON-SITE TRAINING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE AND READING SOFTWARE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

At its meeting of August 22, 2001, the School Board approved agenda item C-2 and authorized the superintendent to enter into a three-year contract with Riverdeep, Inc., for mathematics and science software which was provided for grades 4-10.

During the 2002 – 2003 school year, the district added Riverdeep's reading and mathematics software for grades K-3. All Riverdeep software is now supported by a sophisticated student management system that tracks student progress on the Florida Sunshine State Standards.

Riverdeep's software is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the district's portal at www.dadeschools.net. This delivery model helps ensure that all students and teachers have equitable access to quality instructional content.

The addition of Riverdeep's new software components and student management system necessitates a massive districtwide staff development initiative to fully maximize its use and subsequent impact on teaching and learning.

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Riverdeep, Inc., for on-site staff training and project management in the use of its mathematics, science and reading software. As a result of negotiations with Riverdeep, Inc. regarding the terms and services of the proposed contract, Riverdeep, Inc. has agreed to extend the terms of the original software contract for a year at no cost to the district.

This contract was reviewed by the Professional Services Contract Committee on March 13, 2003, and is being recommended for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx-13- 3F-1.021 based on the specific expertise of the company.

The total cost for the contract is \$250,000. The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2002 - 2003 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6200, Program 8600, Object 5390, Location 9629.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Riverdeep, Inc., for on-site training and project management for mathematics, science and reading software, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, for the period of May 15, 2003 through June 30, 2004; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.
3. amend the original contract for software licensing to include another year at no cost to the district.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2002-2003 Adopted Budget.

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