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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH DR. CANDACE LACEY TO EVALUATE THE ENHANCING EDUCATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY PART I GRANT UNDER THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT: NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

At its meeting of February 12, 2003, the School Board approved Agenda Item A-3 and authorized the superintendent to accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education, funding the *Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Part I* grant, under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act: No Child Left Behind*. The accountability strand of the grant application requires that all educational technology projects and initiatives supported with EETT funds be formally evaluated. Both summative and formative evaluations assessing both the process and outcomes of the grant funded initiatives are required.

In preparation for the selection of a qualified evaluator, staff reviewed the resumes of individuals listed as evaluation consultants under state contract. Based on this review, staff in Division of Instructional Technology and Media Support Services and Office of Research and Evaluation selected Dr. Candace Lacey. Therefore, authorization is requested to enter into a contract with Dr. Lacey for the purpose of evaluating the educational technology project associated with the implementation of the EETT grant, the Technology Leadership Program for Principals (TLPP). The program includes seminars, summer institutes, the development of a measurement system to assess technology proficiency levels of teachers and students, and a year of technology infusion training for principals and teachers at sixty-one district schools. The ultimate goal of the TLPP is to transform teaching and learning at each of the selected schools by using technology as a catalyst for change.

This contract was reviewed by the Professional Services Contract Committee on April 24, 2003, and is being recommended for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx-13- 3F-1.021 based on the specific expertise of the consultant.

The contracted service was included in the grant proposal as an integral component of the core instructional program and has been authorized by the funding source.

The granting agency approved the total cost for the contract at \$36,000. The appropriation for this item is included in the Other Federal Programs (Contracted Programs) Fund of the budget under Fund 0420, Function 6400, Program 3198, Object 5390, Location 9629.

No local funds are required.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Dr. Candace Lacey to evaluate the *Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Part I* grant under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act: No Child Left Behind*, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000, for the period of June 18, 2003 through June 30, 2004; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Other Federal Programs (Contracted Programs) Fund of the 2002-2003 Adopted Budget.

No local funds are required.

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