

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN
HABILITATION SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL
AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with American Habilitation Services, Inc., to provide vocational training and employability skill development to individuals with disabilities. The agency will provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for exceptional students, ages 18-22, effective November 20, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The agency has Certified Behavior Analyst services and Behavior Program Specialists on staff. Students who participate in these programs, in an age-appropriate environment, will gain the support necessary to make the transition from school to work upon leaving Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This facility is located at 14250 SW 119 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33186. This is a new contractual agreement and the first time the district is contracting with this agency..

Funding for this contract will be provided by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. The proposed contract has been developed to offer services for a maximum of 25 students based on their current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, in an amount not to exceed \$158,161.

The State Director of American Habilitation Services, Inc., is Mr. Jon Fisher.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with American Habilitation Services, Inc., to provide educational and related services for exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$158,161, effective November 20, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

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