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**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH A PLUS EDUCATORS, LLC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO ALL ELIGIBLE NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS REQUIRED BY TITLE II, PART A, TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING FUND OF THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001, SECTIONS 2122(B)(11) AND 9501(A)(1-5), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$212,475 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 19, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012**

**COMMITTEE:               SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:              SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with *A Plus Educators, LLC.* to deliver professional development services to all eligible non-public schools in an amount not to exceed \$212,475 for the period from January 19, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

The District is required to provide all eligible non-public school educational personnel equitable participation in the professional development activities and services funded under Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund each year as per the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Sections 2122(b)(11) and 9501(a)(1-5). In the past, non-public school educational staff participated in professional development that was developed and delivered by the District.

In accordance with assurances required by the United States Department of Education, meaningful consultation took place in the fall of 2011 with eligible non-public school representatives. It was determined that a third-party provider of professional development services would best meet the needs of the non-public schools, and the recommendation is to contract with *A Plus Educators, LLC.* This provider, which offers similar services to non-public school consortia in the Los Angeles Unified School District and major school districts in Texas, has both the experience and capacity required to meet the training needs of the non-public schools.

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The Title II, Part A, grant terms and conditions do not allow the transfer of funds to non-public schools, however, requires the District to contract for professional development services that meet the unique needs of non-public schools provided that the services are secular, neutral, and non-ideological. The amount of funds budgeted for non-public schools is based on the number of students to be served in both public and non-public schools and the amount of Title II, Part A, funds allocated to professional development.

The proposed contract has been reviewed by the Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Policy 6320 during the meeting held on December 15, 2011. The committee has recommended that an exception to the Policy regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted due to the contractor's specific expertise.

Funding for the contract with *A Plus Educators, LLC* is budgeted through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund grant under the following budget structure: Fund 420000, Fund Center 1901700, Commitment Item 531000, Program 30250000, and Function 640000.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with *A Plus Educators, LLC* to provide professional development services to all eligible non-public schools as required by Title II, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund Part A, of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Sections 2122(b)(11) and 950(a)(1-5), in an amount not to exceed \$212,475 for the period from January 19, 2012 to June 30, 2012; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Policy 6320, for *A Plus Educators, LLC* based on the contractor's specific expertise.

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