Financial Services
Mrs. Judith M. Marte, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT:

DENY REINSTATEMENT OF VENDOR SERVICES FOR

KING'S COLLEGE TOURS, INC.

COMMITTEE:

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC

FRAMEWORK:

FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

In May 2013, the Board approved the Termination of Award on Contract No. 051-LL08 – Charter-Bus Services, In and Out of County, for King's College Tours, Inc. The Board also approved King's College Tours, Inc. to lose eligibility to transact new business with the Board for a period of fourteen (14) months, pursuant to School Board Policy 6320, Purchasing, which was effective on June 19, 2013.

In June 2014, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a report, which was transmitted to the School Board on that date, "New Vendor Application submitted by K.T. Travel Worldwide, Inc. as cover for suspended vendor King's College Tours, Inc. Ref. SB1314-1010" regarding an investigation involving the above-referenced vendor. OIG concluded that K.T. Travel's officers were related to and employed by Mr. King, Chief Executive Officer of King's College Tours. K.T. Travel submitted a new vendor application to conduct business with the District on August 29, 2013, approximately two (2) months after King's College Tours Board- approved suspension was effective. Per the OIG report, "it is evident that Mr. King exerted influence, if not control over K.T. Travel".

In August 2014, King's College Tours contacted the Office of Procurement Management Services regarding reinstatement as a vendor. On December 17, 2014, the Contractor Responsibility Committee meeting was held to review the reinstatement request from King's College Tours. The Committee members reviewed the request, especially the above-referenced OIG report, and voted to deny the reinstatement request.

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

the reinstatement request to transact new business with the Board, pursuant to School Board Policy 6320, Purchasing, effective

February 11, 2015, as follows:

KING'S COLLEGE TOURS, INC.

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OWNER: ANTONIO KING, C.E.O.

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