

Financial Services
Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PURCHASE

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

At the Board meeting of August 18, 2021, the Board voted to require a competitive bidding process for purchases of goods and services exceeding \$50,000 single and \$100,000 aggregate, when utilizing funding provided by The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and related COVID-19 federal stimulus funds. It is considered impractical to undergo a competitive process for the following:

Agency	Amount	Funding Period	Purpose
International Business Machines Corporation	\$1,000,000	One-time purchase	To purchase IBM mainframe replacement, software and equipment prior to the expiration of the current mainframe (12/31/2023).
Waterford Institute Inc.	\$53,284	One-time purchase	To purchase trainings needed to service students in our VPK programs.
Stryder Corp. dba "Handshake"	\$88,461	One-time purchase	To purchase career services management software that will be utilized for recruitment.
GlobalXNet Technologies, LLC	\$648,537.50	One-time purchase	To purchase 125 interactive panels at various school locations for our targeted enrollment initiative to beautify our facilities. GlobalXNet Technologies, LLC is an awarded firm on ITB-19-053-DP Audiovisual Equipment and Supplies.

Fund Source
ESSER

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the reasons stated in this item, grant the request for waiver for competitive purchase of services, during the term of the referenced funding periods, between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the noted agencies, AND **AUTHORIZE** Procurement Management Services to enter into contracts with each of the recommended agencies. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.