

November 4, 1999

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICA WORKS PARTNERSHIP FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR PROVIDING INTENSIVE TRAINING AND JOB-PLACEMENT SERVICES TO WELFARE-TO-WORK PARTICIPANTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,800 PER INDIVIDUAL BASED ON PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES, FROM NOVEMBER 19, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is presently certified to provide intensive training and job-placement services to welfare recipients through a program of the Miami-Dade/Monroe WAGES (Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency) Coalition. This contract will authorize M-DCPS to provide similar services to those individuals who are served through federal Welfare-to-Work funds administered by the America Works Partnership (AWP). Welfare-to-Work funds are separate from state WAGES funding and are intended to provide diversity in programming as well as supplementation of WAGES services.

The AWP has received a competitive grant award in the amount of \$7,872,505 from the federal Department of Labor to conduct a multi-state program for Welfare-to-Work participants. The implementation plan for Miami-Dade County, Florida, has the capability to provide services for up to 200 persons meeting specific eligibility criteria. AWP wishes to enter into a contractual agreement with M-DCPS which will enable the Miami Skill Center and other adult, skill, and technical education centers to provide training and services under the auspices of the federal grant.

Payments to M-DCPS are determined on a performance-based schedule of benchmark outcomes, with a maximum amount of \$3,800 per individual upon successful program placement, enrollment, training retention, job placement, and job retention. For individuals entering construction apprenticeship, the training is conducted by AWP and the maximum benchmark payment for M-DCPS services is a total of \$1,350 per person.

The AWP budget provides for the initial placement of 40 individuals in M-DCPS programs,

with an eventual project goal of 120 in these programs. The total amount that can be received by M-DCPS for this phase of the project is \$113,300 for service to 40 persons. The budget also projects 80 individuals for AWP construction apprenticeship, with a total amount of \$80,150 that can be received by M-DCPS. The total amount of benchmark payments for both the M-DCPS and AWP programs is a maximum of \$193,450 for service to the first 120 out of 200 project participants.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the America Works Partnership (AWP) for Miami-Dade County Public Schools to receive payment for providing intensive training and job-placement services to Welfare-to-Work participants, in an amount not to exceed \$3,800 per individual based on performance outcomes, from November 19, 1999 through June 30, 2001.

No local funds are required.

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