

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Below is an executive summary the Agreement between Certiport, a business of NCS Pearson, Inc. and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, which supports the industry certification attainment of students in Broward County Public Schools.

Source of Funding	The source of funds is the Carl D. Perkins Secondary Grant and Operational Fund: CTE – Expansion Plan (2016 Priority)
Status	Board approval of amendment
Funds Requested	\$674,689.50
Financial Impact Statement	There is a financial impact of \$674,689.50. The source of funds is the Carl D. Perkins Secondary Grant (\$405,000) and Operational Fund: CTE – Expansion Plan (2016 Priority) (\$269,689.50). There is no additional financial impact to the District.
Schools Included	All CTE supported programs in middle and high schools and technical magnet high schools. Select elementary schools will be included in a pilot program.
Managing Department/School	Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education (CTACE) Department
Source of Additional Information	Enid Valdez 754-321-8444
Project Description	Certiport provides students with access and practice in order to develop and attain the required skills for industry certifications in career and technical programs that exist in our middle, high, and technical magnet schools. Certiport is a sole source provider of the products that facilitates teacher training, student practice of industry certification exams, and student industry certification attainment in the following: Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Outlook, Adobe Dreamweaver, Photoshop (Creative Cloud), Flash, Premier-Pro. Intuit QuickBooks, AutoCAD User, AutoCAD Professional, AutoCAD User Revit, AutoCAD Professional Revit, AutoCAD User Inventor, AutoCAD Professional Inventor, AutoCAD Professional Civil, IC3, Spark. As a point of reference, if all exams reported to the FLDOE through the Certiport delivery system last year, were purchased individually, the approximate cost would have been in excess of \$900,000. Additionally, this year select elementary schools will be included in a pilot program for Digital Tools Certifications, which aligns with the mandate set forth by SB 850.
Evaluation Plan	Certiport provides for data collection and teacher resources to support instruction that will lead to industry certification attainment. Student attainment of industry certifications will be reviewed as evidence that Certiport continues to garner student success.
Research Methodology	Certiport has supplied services for the past eight years, resulting in an increase of student exam attainment as well as CAPE bonus funding monies to the district. CTACE will continue to analyze the rate of student industry certification attainment and expansion of CTE programs.