

Summary Explanation and Background

The Office of Talent Development's Teacher Development Department is the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) contact for the Title II, Part A grant. Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Funds is an entitlement grant. The overall purpose of the Title II, Part A grant is to increase student achievement through strategies such as improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified and/or infield and effective teachers in the classroom and highly effective principals and assistant principals in schools.

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is the Local Educational Agency (LEA) for the Title II, Part A grant. The FDOE provides LEAs and grant contacts the federal guidance and regulations that must be followed regarding non-public school's funding opportunities. Non-public schools have equal access to Title II, Part A funds, just as traditional and charter public schools.

An equitable allocation of funds, as per Title II, Part A grant guidelines is calculated based on the total amount of the award and student enrollment. Any unused allotted funds are required to be rolled-over to the next fiscal year and reserved for non-public schools' use of approved professional development activities.

Each year, the Grants Administration Department conducts a Non-Public Schools Consultation meeting and invites all eligible non-public schools. It is the responsibility of the non-public school to register with the FDOE. A list of registered schools is then sent to the District's Grants Administration Department. The non-public schools must submit written documentation as intent to participate in a federal program. Title II, Part A is an example of such a federal program.

The Archdiocese of Miami (Broward County Catholic Schools only) has elected and intends to use a third party provider of professional development services for the professional learning provided to their teachers and administrators based on their needs assessment. Broward County Public Schools is required to accept the Archdiocese of Miami's request for a third-party provider if it is determined by the LEA that the needs of the non-public schools cannot be met with BCPS professional development activities. The request for the company A+ Educators as the third-party provider has been approved.

Bid 53-080V for Professional Development Services for Non-Public Schools was previously approved on February 20, 2013, with a spending authority of \$400,000. These funds were expensed against the

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Archdiocese of Miami's allocation for the school year 2012-2013 and a portion of the school year 2013-2014 allocation. It is recommended that the School Board authorize the amount of \$300,000 to the Professional Development Services for Non-Public Schools contract, providing only what is required to the Archdiocese of Miami's allocation for the Broward County Catholic Schools (non-public) through the current fiscal year. As noted on the February 20, 2013, memo (attached) "Notification to the Board of these amounts does not mean that the amounts shown will be spent."

The bid fiscal year and the Title II, Part A grant fiscal year are not the same. The bid dates are set by the contract with the third-party provider. The dates cannot be changed. This is the reason for the recommended request for funds already allocated. The amount of the 53-080V bid for Professional Development Services for Non-Public Schools must be increased to allow for processing of professional development contracts that were approved as part of the year-long professional development plan for the Archdiocese of Miami.

Title II, Part A funds are not provided directly to a traditional or charter public school or a non-public school. The Teacher Development Department approves the professional learning activities contracts with the third party provider, and processes purchase orders and payments through the District's Budget Office – Grants. In addition, Teacher Development Department staff monitors the approved activities and requires the submission of agendas, sign-in sheets, and evaluations. Staff has even attended an event to observe activities.

The term of the third-party's (A+ Educator) original contract with Miami-Dade County Public Schools was through July 17, 2013, and the contract was renewed from July 18, 2013, through July 17, 2014. This recommendation will allow the Office of Talent Development to continue to purchase professional development services for non-public schools in compliance with Title II, Part A regulations relating to the equitable services to non-public schools. Only secular professional learning activities and events are funded.

The amount of the recommended spending authority is available from Title II, Part A funds that are allocated to the non-public schools. No additional funds are requested.

The following chart illustrates the allocations and expenditures in both the fiscal grant year of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014, and the bid contract of July 17, 2013 – July 17, 2014.

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Archdiocese of Miami (AOM) Broward County Catholic School's Equitable Allocation of Title II, Part A Funds			
FY 12/13	Allocation	\$420,136.00	Previous Fiscal Year
	Expenditures	\$269,192.00	
Roll-forward to FY 13/14		\$150,944.00	
FY 13/14	Allocation	\$342,219.00	Current Fiscal Year
	Roll-forward	\$150,944.00	
		\$493,163.00	Maximum amount available
Expenditures thru 03/31/2014		\$197,304.00	
		\$295,859.00	Remaining Available Balance
BID 53-060B	12/4/2012	\$100,000.00	closed
PO 7513007609	1/24/2013	\$67,100.00	FY 13 Expense – the amount spent was less than BID 53-060B
BID 53-080V	2/20/2013	\$400,000.00	Expenses cannot exceed \$400,000 for BID 53-080V
PO 7513007765	1/31/2013	\$118,007.00	FY 13 Expense
PO 7513008828	4/10/2013	\$84,085.00	FY 13 Expense
		\$202,092.00	FY 13 Total amount expensed against BID 53-080V
PO 7514005737	10/10/2013	\$137,400.00	FY 14 Expense
PO 7514007783	2/11/2014	\$3,510.00	FY 14 Expense
PO 7514007821	2/12/2014	\$33,930.00	FY 14 Expense
PO 7514008224	3/6/2014	\$22,464.00	FY 14 Expense
		\$197,304.00	Total FY 14 amount expense
		\$399,396.00	Total expenses against BID 53-080V for FY 13 and FY 14 is \$604.00 less than the \$400,000.00 BID; however, the AOM is entitled to remaining funds
<p>Since the maximum amount of Title II, Part A grant funds available to the AOM is \$493,163.00 for FY 13/14, an additional BID of \$300,000.00 must be created to allow for the remaining approved balance of 295,859.00 to be spent.</p>			
Requested Action is for:			
BID 53-080V	5/6/2014	300,000.00	End date of June 30, 2014