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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

SUBJECT: Pasco STAR Phase IV Development, Riverbend Software Solutions, Inc.

On May 18, 2004, the Board approved a negotiated contract with Riverbend Software Solutions, and granted permission to issue a purchase order to that company for development of Pasco STAR, the District's web-enabled assessment data warehouse and reporting system. Subsequently, Phase II of the system was Board approved June 21, 2005, and Phase III was Board approved June 6, 2006.

Research & Evaluation Services is requesting that Riverbend, as the incumbent service provider, be approved to provide additional features and functionality to the STAR system under Phase IV. A memo from Ms. Sandra Ramos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and Dr. David Scanga, Executive Director for Elementary Education, with a detailed Statement of Work from Riverbend, are attached for your review. Funding will be provided out of Title II funds.

Riverbend has provided a quality product to the District in previous stages of the STAR system's development. It is Research & Evaluation's belief that using a different vendor for the additional work required would be counterproductive. It is anticipated that the milestones detailed in the attached Statement of Work will be completed in twelve (12) weeks, with a negotiated firm fixed price of \$117.000. Under DOE rule 6A-1.012(10), the District is permitted to negotiate for high technology purchases, should we choose to do so.

We are requesting approval of this expenditure, and permission to issue a purchase order to Riverbend in the amount of \$117,000. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Ramos, Dr. Scanga or me at your earliest convenience.

KDG/az Attachments

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