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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

**SUBJECT: Phonak Hearing Systems
Purchase Order #00001386 and 00001508**

The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department is requesting permission to place purchase orders totaling \$42,563.98 to Phonak Hearing Systems for equipment used by hearing impaired students and the repair of audiological equipment already owned by the District on an as-needed basis.

The items being purchased are exempt from the competitive pricing requirements as outlined in DOE's Section 6A-1.012(10). The software FM Success, which was previously purchased by the District, is the only software compatible with the equipment listed on the attached purchase orders to Phonak Hearing Systems. FM Success and the equipment, in our opinion, is considered high-technology as defined in Florida State Statute #2887.057 "hardware, software and related materials used to automatically, electronically, wirelessly collected, retrieve, transmit, communicate and disseminate information;" and therefore, is exempt under DOE 6A-1.012(10) High Technology definition.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

KDG/vj

Attachments

DATE/TIME: August 12, 2009 12:24:00