



1 shall provide, at a minimum, three of the following services:  
2 exceptional student education; teacher education centers;  
3 environmental education; federal grant procurement and  
4 coordination; data processing; health insurance; risk  
5 management insurance; staff development; purchasing; or  
6 planning and accountability.

7       (2)(a) Each regional consortium service organization  
8 that consists of four or more school districts is eligible to  
9 receive, through the Department of Education, an incentive  
10 grant of \$50,000 per school district and eligible member to be  
11 used for the delivery of services within the participating  
12 school districts. The determination of services and use of  
13 such funds shall be established by the board of directors of  
14 the regional consortium service organization.

15       (b) Application for incentive grants shall be made to  
16 the Commissioner of Education by July 30 of each year for  
17 distribution to qualifying regional consortium service  
18 organizations by January 1 of the fiscal year.

19       (3) In order to economically provide programs and  
20 services to participating school districts and members, a  
21 regional consortium service organization may establish  
22 purchasing and bidding programs, including construction and  
23 construction management arrangements, in lieu of individual  
24 school district bid arrangements. Participation in regional  
25 consortium service organization bids shall be accomplished by  
26 action of an individual district school board through a letter  
27 of intent to participate and shall be reflected in official  
28 district school board minutes.

29       (4) A regional consortium service organization board  
30 of directors may elect to establish an educational foundation  
31 independent of the regional consortium service organization's

1 school district of record to be governed by an educational  
2 foundation board of directors. The educational foundation must  
3 be a Florida not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the  
4 provisions of chapter 617 and approved by the Department of  
5 State. A regional consortium service organization board of  
6 directors may permit the use of property, facilities, and  
7 personnel services of the regional consortium service  
8 organization by an approved educational foundation. An  
9 approved educational foundation with more than \$100,000 in  
10 expenditures or expenses must provide for an annual financial  
11 audit of its accounts and records to be conducted by an  
12 independent certified public accountant. The annual audit  
13 report shall be submitted within 9 months after the end of the  
14 fiscal year to the educational foundation board of directors  
15 and the regional consortium service organization board of  
16 directors.

17           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.  
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