

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS, BETWEEN THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND
ACCESSIBLE COMMUNICATION FOR THE DEAF, INC.;
INNOVATIVE COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE DEAF,
INC.; AND NATIONAL INTERPRETER RESOURCE, INC.,
PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 071-HH10 -
PROVIDE AMERICAN SIGN-LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION/
TRANSLITERATION, CAPTION AND/OR COMPUTER-
ASSISTED TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND STUDENT SERVICES**

Request For Proposals No. 071-HH10 – Provide American Sign-Language Interpretation/Transliteration, Caption and/or Computer-Assisted Transcription Services, opened on April 22, 2008, is to provide American sign-language interpretation/transliteration, caption and/or computer-assisted transcription services to students, who are deaf or hard of hearing, through the Division of Special Education. This is a term proposal. Five proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

The Selection Committee met to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request For Proposals on April 30, 2008. Five proposals were presented for consideration: Accessible Communication for the Deaf, Inc.; Accurate Communications, Inc.; Codalink, Inc.; Innovative Communication Services for the Deaf, LLC; and Nationwide Interpreter Resource, Inc. Based on the discussion, the Committee chose to recommend Accessible Communication for the Deaf, Inc.; Innovative Communication Services for the Deaf, LLC; and National Interpreter Resource, Inc.

Due to the national and local critical shortage of interpreters, the District has a continued need for these services and is, therefore, contracting with all proposers. Staff will contact the primary agency offering the lowest fee, until resources cannot meet the District's needs, and will similarly contact the alternate agencies.

Fund Source
0420 – Contracted Services

C-43

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent, or designee, to enter into contractual services agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Accessible Communication for the Deaf, Inc.; Innovative Communication Services for the Deaf, Inc.; and National Interpreter Resource, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 071-HH10 – PROVIDE AMERICAN SIGN-LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION/TRANSLITERATION, CAPTION AND/OR COMPUTER-ASSISTED TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES, to provide American sign-language interpretation/transliteration, caption and/or computer-assisted transcription services to students, who are deaf or hard of hearing, through the Division of Special Education, during the term of the contract, effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, as follows:

Highest Rated Proposals.

PRIMARY

1. ACCESSIBLE COMMUNICATION FOR THE DEAF, INC.
19451 SHERIDAN STREET, SUITE 340
PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33332
LISA CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT

Sign Language Services @ \$60 per hour.

ALTERNATE

2. INNOVATIVE COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE DEAF, LLC
15476 N.W. 77 COURT, SUITE 190
MIAMI LAKES, FL 33016
LAZARO M. FERNANDEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sign Language Services @ \$65 per hour.

3. NATIONWIDE INTERPRETER RESOURCE, INC.
1570 ISABEL ROAD OESTE
BOCA RATON, FL 33486
JUNE BACKER, PRESIDENT

Sign Language Services @ \$70 per hour.

4. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the budgeted amount of \$1,250,000.

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