

Financial Services  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**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.   AND   NATIONWIDE   INTERPRETER  
RESOURCE,   INC.,   PURSUANT   TO   REQUEST   FOR  
PROPOSALS   NO.   041-KK10   –   PROVIDE   AMERICAN  
SIGN-LANGUAGE   INTERPRETATION/TRANSLITERATION,  
CAPTION                   AND/OR                   COMPUTER-ASSISTED  
TRANSCRIPTION   SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE   &   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:               FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

Request For Proposals No. 041-KK10 – PROVIDE AMERICAN SIGN-LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION/TRANSLITERATION, CAPTION AND/OR COMPUTER-ASSISTED TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES, 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 (SPED). Services include access to instruction in general education classes, and participation in Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings or extracurricular activities, whenever appropriate. The service agencies listed in this item will be contacted to provide interpreters, who are licensed in the State of Florida. This is a term proposal. Two proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

A meeting of the Evaluation Committee to review the proposals was held on April 28, 2010. Two responsive proposals were presented for consideration: Accessible Communication for the Deaf, Inc. and Nationwide Interpreter Resource, Inc. After considerable discussion, the Committee recommended that two (2) proposers be recommended for award.

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 first utilize the agency offering the lowest fee until resources cannot meet the District's needs.

Upon further negotiation with Accessible Communication for the Deaf, fees to the District were reduced between six (6) and twelve (12) percent.

Fund Source

0420 – Contracted Programs

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into contractual services agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and ACCESSIBLE COMMUNICATION FOR THE DEAF, INC. AND NATIONWIDE INTERPRETER RESOURCE, INC., PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 041-KK10 – 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 (SPED), effective July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, as follows:

1. ACCESSIBLE COMMUNICATION FOR THE DEAF, INC.  
4846 NORTH UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SUITE 354  
LAUDERHILL, FL 33351  
LISA M. CAMPBELL, SENIOR DIRECTOR

American sign-language interpretation/transliteration services @ \$75 per hour.  
Emergency services and changes with less than 24 hours notice @ \$80 per hour.  
Caption and/or computer-assisted transcription services @ \$115 per hour.

2. NATIONWIDE INTERPRETER RESOURCE, INC.  
P.O. BOX 272142  
BOCA RATON, FL 33427-2142  
JUNE B. BACKER, CSC, PRESIDENT

Interpretation/transliteration, caption and/or computer-assisted transcription services @ \$70 per hour.

3. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the budgeted amount of \$1,400,000.