

Financial Operations
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD BID NO. 039-JJ10 – SIGN-LANGUAGE
INTERPRETATION SERVICES**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: EVALUATE AND REDESIGN INTERNAL BUSINESS
OPERATIONS**

The purpose of this bid is to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of sign-language interpretation services, for the hearing impaired, for The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be required, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. Five vendors responded to this advertised solicitation.

The agency awarded will be required to provide two (2) qualified sign-language interpreters at each televised regularly scheduled monthly School Board meeting and other public forums, held in the School Board Administration Building auditorium. Interpreters will be required to provide services for the duration of the meetings.

Additionally, services may be required to provide sign-language interpreter services for deaf/hard-of-hearing parents and employees, who rely on sign language in order to eliminate barriers to communication, for the Office of ADA. This service will provide equal access to essential information regarding school/district-related activities, such as faculty meetings, professional-development activities, meetings with parents/teachers, student assessment/evaluations, Individual Education Plans (IEPs), open house, and end-of-year activities.

Fund Source
0100 – General

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AWARD** Bid No. 039-JJ10 – SIGN-LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION SERVICES, to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of sign-language interpretation services, for the hearing impaired, for The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, during the term of the bid, effective January 14, 2009, through January 13, 2011, as follows:

1. ACCESSIBLE COMMUNICATION FOR THE DEAF
19451 SHERIDAN STREET, SUITE 340
PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33332
OWNER: LISA CAMPBELL, SENIOR DIRECTOR

Low Unit Price Meeting Specifications:

Sign-Language Interpreters @ \$65 per hour.

2. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$160,000.

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