

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD BID NO. 024-NN10 – SIGN-LANGUAGE
INTERPRETATION SERVICES**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

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, at the unit price bid, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. Four (4) vendors responded to this advertised solicitation. This is an award to a primary and an alternate vendor.

The term of the bid shall be for two (2) years from the date of award and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the awardees, be extended for an additional two (2) year period and, if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current contract period.

Strategies were employed to increase M/WBE participation and one (1) M/WBE vendor was awarded as an alternate vendor.

The successful awardees shall 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, located at 1450 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida. 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 and to 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, IEP's, Open House, and end-of-year activities.

Fund Source
0100 - General

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AWARD** Bid No. 024-NN10 – 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, effective September 3, 2013, through September 2, 2015, including extensions thereto, as follows:

PRIMARY:

1. ACCESSIBLE COMMUNICATION FOR THE DEAF, INC.
4846 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SUITE 354
LAUDERHILL, FL 33351
LISA CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT

Low Unit Price Meeting Specifications:

Sign Language Interpreters @ \$65 per hour.

ALTERNATE:

2. NATIONWIDE INTERPRETER RESOURCE, INC.
101 PLAZA REAL SOUTH
BOCA RATON, FL 33427
JUNE B. BACKER, PRESIDENT M/WBE

Second Low Unit Price Meeting Specifications:

Sign Language Interpreters @ \$70 per hour.

3. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the estimated total amount of \$165,000, for the initial contract term, and an amount not to exceed \$165,000, for one (1) additional two (2) year extension period. Board approval of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

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