

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.; NATIONWIDE INTERPRETER RESOURCE, INC.;
AND SIGNTALK, LLC, PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS NO. 052-PP10 – PROVIDE AMERICAN
SIGN-LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION/TRANSLITERATION,
CAPTION AND/OR COMPUTER-ASSISTED TRANSCRIPTION
SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Request For Proposals No. 052-PP10 – 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 contract will also be utilized to provide services to adult students requiring interpreter services. This is a term proposal. Seven (7) proposers responded to this advertised solicitation.

The term of the proposal shall be for one (1) year from date of award and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the awardees, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods and, if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current contract period.

A meeting of the Selection Committee to review the proposals was held on May 9, 2014. Seven proposals were presented for consideration: Accessible Communication for the Deaf, Inc.; Allworld Language Consultants, Inc.; Nationwide Interpreter Resource, Inc.; SignTalk, LLC; Signs of Excellence, LLC; Soliant Health; and Trusted Translations, Inc. After considerable discussion, the Committee recommended Accessible Communication for the Deaf, Inc.; Nationwide Interpreter Resource Inc.; and SignTalk, LLC, 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 three proposers. Staff will first utilize the agency offering the lowest fee until resources cannot meet the District's needs.

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.; Nationwide Interpreter Resource, Inc., and SignTalk, LLC, pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 052-PP10 – 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, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and extensions thereto, as follows:

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

American sign-language interpretation/transliteration services @ \$64 per hour.

Computer-assisted transcription services @ \$150 per hour.

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

American sign-language interpretation/transliteration services @ \$64.75 per hour.

3. SIGNTALK, LLC
1663 E. 17 STREET – NATIONAL OFFICE
BROOKLYN, NY 11229
JOSEPH GELIEBTER, MANAGING MEMBER

American sign-language interpretation/transliteration services @ \$68.33 per hour.

QA11/EIEI11, QA111/EIEI111 services @ \$64.73 per hour.

4. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$1,300,000, for the initial contract term, and an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000, for each additional one (1) year extension period. Board authorization of this amount does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

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