

Financial Services
Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: AWARD INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-24-050-VF –
ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
INDIVIDUALS**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES**

Procurement Management Services, at the request of the Office of Educational Services & Exceptional Student Education, the Office of Post-Secondary, Career and Technical Education and the Office of Human Capital Management, released the above-referenced solicitation on July 25, 2025, with the bid opening subsequently held on September 4, 2025. The purpose of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to establish a contract with one or more qualified agencies to provide essential communication access services. These services, including American Sign Interpretation (ASL)/Transliteration, Captioning, and Computer-Assisted Realtime Transcription (CART), are crucial for ensuring effective communication for deaf or hard of hearing students, parents and employees across the District. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase services, as may be needed, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. This ITB was advertised on the Procurement Management Services website and Euna OpenBids (formerly DemandStar). This contract impacts 71 students, in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. In addition, this contract impacts District employees, parents and the community, on an as needed basis. The solicitation was shared with the District's Office of Education and Economic Access (OEEA) for additional community outreach.

The initial term of the bid shall be for a period of three (3) years, commencing December 17, 2025 through December 16, 2028, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

Four (4) vendors responded to this advertised bid. Based on the criteria listed in the solicitation, the contract will be awarded to two (2) vendors.

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the District spent \$1,164,092 on communication access services.

This item and all related solicitation components fully comply with applicable federal, state and local laws.

Fund Source

Various

E-144

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. **AWARD** INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB-24-050-VF – ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS, to establish a contract with one or more qualified agencies to provide essential communication access services, during the term of the bid, with an effective date of December 17, 2025 through December 16, 2028, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods thereto, as follows:

A. SIGHTALK, LLC
1663 E. 17TH STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11229
OFFICER: JOSEPH GELIEBTER

GROUP 1 – Students:

Interpretation/Transliteration Services with RID (All Certifications)
@ \$63.45 per hour

Interpretation/Transliteration Services with EIPA (Level 3.2 - 5.0)
@ \$63.45 per hour

Computer Assisted Transcription Services (CART) @ \$10.00 per hour

C-Print Services @ \$10.00 per hour

GROUP 2 – School Board Meeting, M-DCPS Employees, Parents:

Interpretation/Transliteration Services with RID (All Certifications)
@ \$67.73 per hour

Interpretation/Transliteration Services with EIPA (Level 3.2 - 5.0)
@ \$67.73 per hour

Interpretation/Transliteration Services with RID (All Certifications)
and EIPA (Level 3.2-5.0) - Trilingual Capability @ \$69.73 per hour

GROUP 3 – Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) for School Board Meeting, M-DCPS Employees, Parents:

Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) communications @ \$67.73 per hour

Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) communications – Trilingual Capability @ \$69.73 per hour

B. NATIONWIDE INTERPRETER RESOURCE, INC.
1570 ISABEL ROAD OESTE
BOCA RATON, FL 33486
OFFICER: JUNE B. GORDON

GROUP 1 – Students:

Interpretation/Transliteration Services with RID (All Certifications)
@ \$100.00 per hour

Interpretation/Transliteration Services with EIPA (Level 3.2 - 5.0)
@ \$100.00 per hour

GROUP 2 – School Board Meeting, M-DCPS Employees, Parents:

Interpretation/Transliteration Services with RID (All Certifications)
@ \$100.00 per hour

Interpretation/Transliteration Services with EIPA (Level 3.2 - 5.0)
@ \$100.00 per hour

Interpretation/Transliteration Services with RID (All Certifications)
and EIPA (Level 3.2-5.0) - Trilingual Capability @ \$125.00 per hour

GROUP 3 – Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) for School Board Meeting, M-DCPS Employees, Parents:

Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) communications @ \$100.00 per hour

Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) communications – Trilingual Capability @ \$125.00 per hour

2. **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$6,150,000 (\$5,400,000 for the Office of Educational Services & Exceptional Student Education, \$450,000 for the Office of Post-Secondary, Career and Technical Education and \$300,000 for the Office of Human Capital Management) for the initial contract term and an amount not to exceed \$2,050,000 (\$1,800,000 for the Office of Educational Services & Exceptional Student Education, \$150,000 for the Office of Post-Secondary, Career and Technical Education and \$100,000 for the Office of Human Capital Management) for each subsequent one (1) year extension period. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.