

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO.: 07C- 007B - RFP FOR SIGN LANGUAGE/ORAL/CUED SPEECH
INTERPRETERS/TRANSLITERATORS

DATE:	May 15, 2007	DATE ADVERTISED:	March 30, 2007
DATE SOLICITED:	March 28, 2007	DATE OPENED:	April 25, 2007
PRESENTED TO BOARD:	June 27, 2007	DATE POSTED:	May 16, 2007

CONTRACT PERIOD: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011
 FUNDING SOURCE: IDEA Grant Budget/General Funds – Health Related Contracts
 REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Exceptional Student Education

FINANCIAL IMPACT
 The financial impact to the IDEA Grant budget and the General Funds budget is estimated at \$1,200,000 for a four year contract term. The source of funds is the Exceptional Student Education Department and Human Resources budgets.

Services to be provided include sign language interpreters/transliterators for students, parents, District employees and other requests for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Fees for these services will be billed at a firm hourly rate.

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>MINORITY STATUS</u>	<u>TOTAL POINTS AWARDED</u>
Deaf Communication Specialists, Inc.	---	<u>64.00</u>
Nationwide Interpreter Resource, Inc.	---	<u>68.50</u>
Signs Of Excellence, LLC	6	<u>79.00</u>

LEGEND:
 _____ = Award
 () = Reject

MINORITY - (2-Black, 3-Hispanic, 4-Indian/Alaska, 5-Asian, 6-Women, 7-Disabled, 8-Other)

The Evaluation Committee, consisting of District staff, convened and reviewed all responsive proposals. It was the recommendation of the Committee to award contracts to all responsive, responsible proposers.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend contract awards be made to all responsive, responsible proposers based on the evaluation criteria outlined in the RFP.

Note: Original RFP document is available upon request.

RFP PROTEST

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in §120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and applicable Board rules, regulations and policies. Offers from the vendors listed herein are the only offers received timely as of the above opening date and time. All other offers submitted in response to this solicitation, if any, are hereby rejected as late.

If a proposer wishes to protest a RFP, they must do so in strict accordance with the procedures outlined in FS 120.57(3). Any person who files an action protesting a decision or intended decision pertaining to this RFP pursuant to FS 120.57(3)(b), shall post with the Purchasing Department, at the time of filing the formal written protest, a bond secured by an acceptable surety company in Florida payable to the School District of Palm Beach County in an amount equal to 1 percent (1%) of the total estimated contract value, but not less than \$500 nor

more than \$5,000. Bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all costs that may be adjudged against the protester in the administrative hearing in which the action is brought and in any subsequent appellate court proceeding. In lieu of a bond, a cashier's check, certified bank check, bank certified company check or money order will be acceptable form of security. If, after completion of the administrative hearing process and any appellate court proceedings, the District prevails, it shall recover all costs and charges included in the final order of judgment, including charges by the Division of Administrative Hearings. Upon payment of such costs and charges by the protester, the protest security shall be returned. If the protest prevails, he or she shall recover from the District all costs and charges, which shall be included in the final order of judgment.

DISQUALIFYING CRIMES

The bidder certifies by submission of this bid, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by the State of Florida or Federal Government. Further, bidder certifies that it has divulged, in its bid response, information regarding any of these actions or proposed actions with other governmental agencies.


SS:GM:RF:KB

SCORE SHEET

RFP 07C-007B REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SIGN LANGUAGE/ORAL/CUED SPEECH INTERPRETERS/TRANSLITERATORS				
Evaluation Criteria	DEAF COMMUNICATION SPECIALISTS, INC.	NATIONWIDE INTERPRETER RESOURCE, INC.	SIGNS OF EXCELLENCE, LLC	
1. Experience and Qualifications of the Firm (Points Available: 15)	10.50	12.25		7.75
2. Qualifications of Proposer's Staff (Points available: 35)	23.50	31.75		25.75
3. Cost of Services (Points Available: 40)	30.0	24.50		35.50
5. Minority/Women Business Participation (Points Available: 10)	-0-	-0-		10
GRAND TOTAL	64	68.50		79.0