



**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

**75 North Pace Blvd.
Pensacola, FL 32505**

RFP AWARD NOTICE

**DATE:
June 3, 2025**

**RFP TITLE & REFERENCE:
Interpreting Services (Re-Issue),
RFP #251606**

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE:

An annual agreement with four (4), one (1) year renewal options to provide the District with sign language (ASL and/or SEE) interpreting services for its deaf and hard of hearing students. Award to the highest-ranked responder meeting specifications and special conditions. Services will be provided on an as-needed basis.

Effective Dates: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

REQUESTED BY:

Exceptional Student Education

SUPPLIER NAME:

Connect ASL, Inc., Pensacola, FL

AMOUNT OF PURCHASE:

\$472,000.00 Est./Yr.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Various Funds

METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:

ECSD RFP

Proposals Received: 6

Bids Rejected: 4

DATE AND TIME POSTED:

June 3, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Central Time

9500PUR101 (11/10) Retention - 5 Years



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RFP TABULATION

Date: 5/30/2025

RFP #: 251606

RFP Title: Interpreting Services

Awarded firms are highlighted

Total Number of Interpreters

Connect ASL, Inc.	AQI Interpreting Services, LLC
42	2

Response Time

Connect ASL, Inc.	AQI Interpreting Services, LLC
We have a dedicated scheduler and a call-in number that is manned 24/7, so we respond and begin filling requests from the ECSD immediately.	2 Hours or Less

During Regular School Hours

	Connect ASL, Inc.				AQI Interpreting Services, LLC			
	Employee Hourly Pay Rate	Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) Pay Rate	Administrative Fees	Price Per hour	Employee Hourly Pay Rate	Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) Pay Rate	Administrative Fees	Price Per hour
Interpreters without Credentials/ Certifications	\$28.00/hr	\$28.00/hr	\$7.00/hr	\$35.00/hr	\$85.00/hr	\$85.00/hr		\$85.00/hr
Interpreters with Recognized Credentials/Certifications	\$40.00/hr	\$40.00/hr	\$7.00/hr	\$47.00/hr	\$95.00/hr	\$95.00/hr		\$95.00/hr
Interpreters with National Credentials/Certifications	\$49.00/hr	\$49.00/hr	\$7.00/hr	\$56.00/hr	\$110.00/hr	\$110.00/hr		\$110.00/hr

Outside of the Regular School Hours

	Connect ASL, Inc.				AQI Interpreting Services, LLC			
	Employee Hourly Pay Rate	Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) Pay Rate	Administrative Fees	Price Per hour	Employee Hourly Pay Rate	Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) Pay Rate	Administrative Fees	Price Per hour
Interpreters without Credentials/ Certifications	\$33.00/hr	\$33.00/hr	\$7.00/hr	\$40.00/hr	\$90.00/hr	\$90.00/hr		\$90.00/hr
Interpreters with Recognized Credentials/Certifications	\$45.00/hr	\$45.00/hr	\$7.00/hr	\$52.00/hr	\$100.00/hr	\$100.00/hr		\$100.00/hr
Interpreters with National Credentials/Certifications	\$54.00/hr	\$54.00/hr	\$7.00/hr	\$61.00/hr	\$115.00/hr	\$115.00/hr		\$115.00/hr

Evaluation Criteria/Points Possible	Maximum Point Value	Connect ASL, Inc.	AQI Interpreting Services, LLC
Cost Proposal	Up to 30 Points	28.2	17
Availability and Flexibility	Up to 30 Points	27.8	24.8
Qualifications of Staff	Up to 15 Points	11.8	12
Responsiveness to RFP	Up to 10 Points	10	7.8
References	Up to 10 Points	9.5	8
Collaboration and Quality Assurance	Up to 5 Points	4.5	4.6
Total Points	Up to 100 Points	91.80	74.20

RFP TABULATION, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PROTEST

RFP tabulations with award recommendations are posted for 72 hours in the Procurement Department Office and are also posted to the School District's website address at: <https://www.escambiaschools.org/Page/1048>. Notices will not be automatically mailed.

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3) Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120 Florida Statutes.

I hereby certify that the prices and responders reflected herein are valid, and have been received in compliance to Escambia County School Board Rules and Florida Law.

Allison Watson

Allison Watson, Director
Procurement Department