

5. CONSENT AGENDA 3. PURCHASING

5.3.2. SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION SERVICES

Lead Staff: Greg Singleton, Dean of Student Affairs

Funding Source: FY26 budget

Funding Request: \$216,016.00

Vendor	Amount
Various (See below)	\$ 216,016.00

Sign Language Interpretation	City and State
Kristen Goebeler	Libertyville, IL
Randi Ralph	Vernon Hills, IL
Melinda Nelson	North Barrington, IL
5 Star Interpreting Chicago, LLC	Tinley Park, IL
HRI-Cart, LLC	Pinellas Park, FL

Explanation of Purchase: This purchase is for additional sign language interpreting and communication access real-time translation (CART) services for deaf/hard-of-hearing students beyond the approved (June 24, 2025) not-to-exceed total of \$88,984.00 to address the significant growth in demand of these legally-required services. Given the current demand, the budgeted approval will be exceeded during the fall semester.

Pursuant to 110 ILCS 805/3-27.1 (a), contracts for the services of individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill where the ability or fitness of the individual plays an important part are exempt from the competitive bidding process.

Recommendation: Approve contracts with the vendors for an additional \$216,016.00 for a FY26 not-to-exceed total of \$305,000.00.