

HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT BRANCH
SPECIAL NEEDS SECTION

January 28, 2019

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)
RFI No. RFI F19-114

COMMUNICATION ACCESS
SERVICES FOR
THE DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING STUDENTS
(STATEWIDE)

The Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE), Office of Student Support Services, Exceptional Support Branch, Special Needs Section requests community input to facilitate the HIDOE's planning activities and development of a request for proposals (RFP) for Communication Access services for students with hearing loss, including American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting, Computer assisted note-taking (CAN) and Communication Access Real Time (CART) services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in HIDOE schools statewide.

The information received will assist the HIDOE in preparing the release of one or more RFP in the immediate future. The HIDOE will be seeking vendors with the ability to provide communication access services including interpreting services in American Sign Language (ASL), CAN and CART to students certified as eligible by the HIDOE.

Because of the foregoing, the HIDOE welcomes feedback from any and all prospective vendors to formulate the criteria to compose a competitive solicitation for these services.

Written comments must be typewritten, clearly labeled **RFI F19-114 Communication Access Services for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students (Statewide)** and received by the HIDOE Office of Student Support Services, Special Needs Section at 475 22nd Avenue, Building 302, Room 116, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816. Written comments may also be faxed to (808) 733-4475, or sent via email to the contact person mentioned below.

All written comments must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) on **February 6, 2019**.

Participation in this request for information is optional and is not a requirement to respond to any subsequent procurement action that the Department may take. Neither the Department nor the interested party responding bears any obligation under this request for information.

For more information, contact **Michelle Arakawa** via telephone at (808) 305-9806 or via email at Michelle_Arakawa@notes.k12.hi.us

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