

RFP PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE #26-001

**CONTRACT FOR TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPECIFICALLY IN CHARLOTTE, COLLIER, GLADES, HENDRY AND LEE COUNTIES**

Question re: purpose

1. What is the purpose of bidding? Is it necessary for those with a current contractual relationship?

This RFP/Q is non-exclusive; thus, the Twentieth's purpose is to solicit extra support and inquire with regard to potential, future rates. Due to the non-exclusive nature of this RFP/Q, no current contractual relationships are presently anticipated to be altered or amended in any manner during FY2026/27.

Question re: RFP submission

2. May the RFP-submission be entirely electronic via email?

Yes. Either electronic or physical is permitted: [1] email: efishbeck@ca.cjis20.org; [2] fax: 239-533-1796. [3] 2000 Main St., 4th floor, Fort Myers.

Question re: court reporter certification

3. On page seven of the RFP/Q the Court Reporter Certification requirements seem to require some form of being registered or otherwise certified; however, page 20 of the RFP/Q allows for "equivalent certifications or qualifications." Is there a difference between the language of these two provisions?

The RFP/Q intends to have consistent language throughout; however, with regard to Court Reporter Certification requirements the language on page 20 (of the contractual agreement) should be understood to govern if there is any perceived conflict. Specifically, the entire RFP should be read to comply with the following:

The COURT REPORTER shall hire employees and/or independent contractors of its choice, in sufficient number to adequately serve the needs of the Court and the AOC, and the requirements of this Agreement. Each court reporter whose services are used pursuant to this Agreement shall be a proficient CAT (Computer-aided Transcription) court reporter. Additionally, the COURT REPORTER shall certify that each court reporter whose services are used pursuant to this Agreement has certification by one of the following: National Court Reporter's Association as a Registered Professional Reporter, Registered Merit Reporter, Registered Diplomate Reporter, Florida Professional Reporter or Certified Realtime Reporter, or holds and maintains equivalent certifications or qualifications.

4. Is FPR-C certification qualified under this RFP/Q?re paper and electronic versions required?

FPR-C certification for a Court Reporter qualifies.