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The Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Florida is accepting applications for the position of Spanish Interpreter in our Miami office. The Federal Public Defender, a branch of the United States Courts, an Equal Opportunity Employer, operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services to indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

Requirements: The successful applicant must be a high school graduate or the equivalent and must have at least 3 years experience. The interpreter will provide Spanish-English interpretation services as well as translation of documents. He or she must possess excellent oral and written communication skills, interpersonal skills, and the ability to work well in a team; he or she must also work independently and take initiative. Applicants must be United States citizens. Spanish language fluency is required. Federal Court Certification preferred, but not required.

Duties: The Spanish Interpreter must be fully fluent in the Spanish language and fully able to accurately interpret/translate all forms of verbal and written communications. Proficiency in consecutive and simultaneous communications is required, including some familiarity with geographically based slang and colloquialisms. Case-related interpretation includes, but will not be limited to, letters, court documents, transcripts, expert reports and audio recordings. Oral interpretation requirements include communications during client and client family visits, jail visits, phone calls and witness interviews. The Spanish Interpreter is required to maintain the confidentiality of all client communications.

Our Spanish Interpreter is a critical part of our defense team, working closely with our attorneys, investigators, paralegals and legal assistants. They must demonstrate considerable resourcefulness, initiative, creativity, self-motivation, tact and discretion. The interpreter will meet with clients, family members and

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witnesses in the office, in jails or by telephone, and help review discovery by interpreting/translating legal documents, correspondence, transcripts, reports, audio, video recordings and any and all other documents as required. The interpreter may need to evaluate translations and Spanish-speaking skills of others based on his or her experience (including idioms and dialects), and effectively use electronic and computer tools. The interpreter will be expected to remain impartial in all situations, interpreting accurately and completely, without regard to the content of the communication.

The selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

Salary and Benefits: This is a full-time “at-will” position, and salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications of the applicant and will be based on the Judiciary Salary Plan; Grade 9 [\$65,735] through Grade 12 [\$123,927]. This position offers federal employment benefits, including health and life insurance, dependent and long-term insurance programs, flexible spending accounts, commuter benefits program, mandatory participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System, and participation in the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit).

How to Apply: No telephone calls please. Qualified persons may apply by submitting a letter of interest outlining experience, resume and two work references [*send in ONE PDF attachment*] to: Raisa.Gonzalez@fd.org.

Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Hiring for this position is subject to the availability of funds in the final appropriation. Applications will be accepted until filled. All responses will remain confidential.

**The Federal Public Defender is an Equal-Opportunity Employer.
All applicants, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin,
gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability,
or age, are encouraged to apply.**