LANGUAGE ASSISTIVE SERVICES QUALITY ASSURANCE PRACTICES

Initial Screening: Please describe how potential interpreters/translators are screened. Please place an "X" next to the skills evaluated in the initial screening.

____ Basic Language Skills ____ Interpretation Skills

____ Industry-specific Terminology ____ Cultural Awareness

____ Ethics ____ Sight Translation

____ Written Translation Skills

If other, explain: _____

Training

Are interpreters/translators required to have basic training after hiring? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please describe who offers the training (e.g., in-house or external, number of hours, topics covered, etc.) and what the training program consists of. If the trainer is external, please list the name and full address of the training organization.

Is continuing education (CE) required? ____Yes ____No

If yes, how many hours per year? _____ Hours

Certification ("Certification" refers to a scientifically validated and reliable process to guarantee skills and abilities.)

What percentage of your translators and interpreters are certified by:

____ Internal Process (____ Translators ____ Interpreters)

____ State Process (____ Translators ____ Interpreters)

Name(s) of State(s):

____ Federal Court (____ Translators ____ Interpreters)

____ Private External Organization (i.e., American Translators Association)

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Guidance on Choosing a Language Access Provider

Please list private external organizations separately:

Quality control/monitoring process

Please describe all internal quality control/monitoring processes:

Interpretation: (For example, is a practicum required? [A practicum is defined as a time when a novice interpreter observes and is observed on the job by an experienced interpreter]; Are calls monitored? etc.)

Translation: (For example, are cognitive tests completed? Is there an independent review process by native speakers?; etc.)

How do you monitor the quality of interpreting and translation services over time?

Interpretation: _____

Translation:

What system is in place to resolve complaints?