



**Memorandum of Understanding**  
*between the*  
**Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf**  
*and*  
**Mano a Mano**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been drafted to issue a statement that codifies a strong and continued collaboration between Mano a Mano and the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), and it publically attests to the organizations' commitment to work in close partnership for the future benefit of the deaf community, the sign language interpreting community and for all people who use sign language.

*The mission of Mano a Mano is to provide an infrastructure for access to trilingual interpreting resources, support professional development for trilingual interpreters, educate the public about trilingual interpreting, and advocate for appropriate policies concerning the provision of trilingual interpretation.*

The mission of RID is to provide international, national, regional, state and local forums and an organizational structure for the continued growth and development of the profession of interpretation and transliteration of ASL and English.

The philosophy of RID is that excellence in the delivery of interpretation and transliteration services between people who are deaf or hard of hearing and people who are hearing, will ensure effective communication. As the national professional association for interpreters and transliterators, RID serves as an essential arena for its members in their pursuit of excellence.

Because Mano a Mano and RID are organizations for interpreters that believe in high-quality services for our Deaf and hearing stakeholders, Mano a Mano and RID affirm the importance of a joint, working relationship and practices that support transparent communication between the organizations at all levels of structure (local, regional, national and international), with the ultimate goal to stay informed of issues impacting the deaf and interpreting communities.

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Mano a Mano and RID presidents, with the support of their respective boards, shall commit to the following:

- Work in close cooperation, actively exchanging information that is of common interest and/or might have an effect on both organizations and members.
- Work together to ensure interpreters who work in Spanish-influenced settings are encouraged to become involved in the leadership of RID.
- Identify and encourage Mano a Mano members to serve on RID committees.
- Collaborate to determine appropriate procedures and resources for the Spanish translation of RID articles of interest, documents, website information and conference materials.
- Collaborate on international, national, regional and local conferences.
- Publically recognize the importance of and encourage the involvement of interpreters who work in Spanish-influenced settings in the interpreting community as a whole.
- Recognize that both organizations are essential partners as we move forward, and that the continued collaboration between our organizations is a crucial and integral element to the future success of both organizations and members.

This MOU is effective upon the day and date last signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties of the MOU.

Effective July 18, 2011

***Signed copy on file with RID***

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