



## Team Interpreting

Why are there two interpreters scheduled for your assignment?

**Team interpreting** is a typical professional practice. Two (or more) interpreters work as equal members of a team, rotating responsibilities at pre-arranged intervals and providing support and feedback to each other.

Team interpreting provides:

- ❑ continuity in the message transmission,
- ❑ increased accuracy in message transmission,
- ❑ optimum interpreting services.

Research has shown that the longer the period of time the interpreter interprets, the less accurate and effective the service becomes. Research also shows that a professional interpreting team of two interpreters, who interpret for 20 minutes and then rotate with the other interpreter, are most effectively able to ensure accurate, up-to-speed, and top-quality services. In addition, using the “20/20” approach for an interpreting team ensures that the professional does not incur mechanical or physical injuries that could put an early end to their professional services.

This is why *Interpreting Solutions, Inc.*, like most professional interpreting companies, has developed a team-interpreting and scheduling policy based on the unique combination of these and other factors:

- ❑ size of audience
- ❑ number of presenters and whether they present individually or as a panel,
- ❑ whether the audience members are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, or mixed,
- ❑ whether the presenters are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, or mixed,
- ❑ the degree of audience participation,
- ❑ the communication preferences of the presenters and audience,
- ❑ special needs such as tactile, oral, and close-visual range interpreting,
- ❑ length of the assignment as well as any “built in” breaks,
- ❑ communication needs during session breaks, lunches, etc.

Because staffing needs are best made on an individual basis, please call *Interpreting Solutions, Inc.* at 414-732-9966 or contact us at [jill@interpretingsolutionsinc.com](mailto:jill@interpretingsolutionsinc.com) to discuss your unique and individualized needs.

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