

From: **Whittaker, Frank M** <frank.m.whittaker@wv.gov>

Date: Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 3:48 PM

Subject: Re: Emergency Purchase Request for SDU

To: Hustead, Crystal G <crystal.g.hustead@wv.gov>, Greenhowe, Althea M
<althea.m.greenhowe@wv.gov>

Cc: Tara L Lyle <tara.l.lyle@wv.gov>, Alisha S Pettit <alisha.s.pettit@wv.gov>, Greg Clay
<gregory.c.clay@wv.gov>

Althea,

Your emergency request for a 6 month contract for the State Disbursement Unit's banking needs is approved. Should the agency not be able to solicit and award a new contract within 6 months of the expiration of the current contract (CMA CSE19*01) the agency may execute an additional 6 month renewal. This is not an approval for any specific provider or product. Please follow all emergency procedures outlined in the Purchasing Division Procedures Handbook and return the completed contract and all supporting documents to this office within 30 days of this approval.

On Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 8:53 AM Hustead, Crystal G <crystal.g.hustead@wv.gov> wrote:

Plases see the attached revised emergency purchase request

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From: **Greenhowe, Althea M** <althea.m.greenhowe@wv.gov>

Date: Mon, Nov 17, 2025 at 2:56 PM

Subject: Fwd: Emergency Purchase Request for SDU

To: Crystal G Husted <crystal.g.husted@wv.gov>

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Date: Tue, Sep 30, 2025 at 12:57 PM

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Please let us know if you need additional information.

Thanks,

Althea

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WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION

APPROVED
BY: FW DATE: 11/18/25

Emergency Purchase Request Form for Central Purchases
(Purchases Exceeding Agency's Delegated Spending Threshold)

Statutory Authority: Pursuant to West Virginia Code §5A-3-15 and 148 C.S.R. 1-7.6, the director may authorize, in writing, a state spending unit to purchase in the open market, without filing requisition or estimate, specific commodities for immediate delivery to meet bona fide emergencies arising from unforeseen causes.

Follow-up Award Requirements: Effective July 1, 2024, agencies are delegated the authority, upon written approval, to process all emergency purchases as agency contracts. Agencies must submit all contract documents to Purchasing.Division@wv.gov no later than 30 days of issuance.

Description of the emergency circumstance(s) that led to this emergency purchase request:
(What is the emergency situation? Provide detailed information.)

Please see the attached.

Proposed remedy:

(What is the item or service that needs to be purchased to remedy the emergency situation in the short term?)

Please see the attached.

Estimated cost:

(How much will the items or service cost to rectify the situation? Include total cost.)

A 6 month contract is estimated to be \$319,754.00.

Proposed duration/quantity:

(If a service is needed, how long will you need it until you can properly bid out a long-term solution? If an item is needed, how many does your agency need?)

We are proposing a 6 month contract with the option of a 6 month renewal. Current contract is CMA 0511 CSE19*1 and expires on 11/30/2025.

- 1. IF OUR CURRENT CONTRACT EXPIRES BEFORE THE NEW ONE IS APPROVED AND FINALIZED OUR AGENCY WILL BE WITHOUT A MEANS OF COLLECTING AND DISBURSING CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS. IF WE ARE UNABLE TO KEEP THE TURNAROUND OF FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOUR PROCESSING, WE WOULD BE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH WEST VIRGINIA CODE §48-18-114 AND §48-18-115. WE WERE CONDUCTING MARKET RESEARCH TO SEE IF ANY NEW INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE TO BE ADDED TO THE SPECS. THE SPECS ARE STILL BEING REVIEWED BY THE TREASURER'S OFFICE AS WELL AS OT/MIS.**

- 2. THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE SDU. THE VENDOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO: RECEIVING, OPENING, SORTING, AND IMAGING MAIL; DEPOSITING RECEIPTS INTO AN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT; IDENTIFYING THE CORRECT PAYOR AND PAYEE WHEN NECESSARY; LOADING ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION INTO THE AGENCY'S AUTOMATED COMPUTER SYSTEM; DISTRIBUTING MONEY TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTY BASED ON A COMPUTER FILED GENERATED BY THE AGENCY'S AUTOMATED COMPUTER SYSTEM VIA CHECK, DIRECT DEPOSITS, OR DEBIT CARD; AND MAINTAINING A WEB-BASED PAYMENT OPTION FOR NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS TO INITIATE PAYMENTS VIA MASTER CARD, VISA, DEBIT CARD, OR AUTOMATIC CLEARING HOUSE NETWORK.**



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BUREAU FOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Alex J. Mayer
Cabinet Secretary

Garrett Jacobs
Commissioner

Date: November 17, 2025
To: Purchasing
From: Virginia Hill *Virginia Hill*
Reference: Emergency Contract for SDU CMA CSE19*1

The West Virginia Bureau for Child Support Enforcement is respectfully requesting permission to request an emergency direct award contract to System and Methods Inc for our SDU contract. The need for this emergency award is due to not having the contract out to bid on time. The specs are with the Treasurer's office for approval since June 9, 2025. We had a few Vendor meetings beforehand that led to the late submittal of getting all the approvals needed before submitting for bids.

BCSE has used an outside source to handle the incoming and outgoing of the Agency's lockbox operations since July 1988. The Vendor's responsibilities include but not limited to: receiving, opening, sorting, and imaging mail; depositing receipts into an interest bearing account; identifying the correct payor and payee when necessary; loading all required information into the Agency's Automated Computer System; distributing money to the appropriate party based on a computer file generated by the Agency's Automated Computer System via check, direct deposits, or debit card; and maintaining a Web-based payment option for non-custodial parents to initiate payments via Master Card, Visa, Debit Card, or Automatic Clearing House network.

If this is not approved, the Agency would not be able to process incoming or outgoing payments within the State Code timeframe for forty-eight (48) hours. We would like the emergency to be for six months plus a six-month renewal. The current contract expires November 30, 2025.

The total cost for this contract is a year is around \$600,000.00

Thank you.





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Hustead, Crystal G <crystal.g.hustead@wv.gov>
To: Frank M Whittaker <frank.m.whittaker@wv.gov>

Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 1:56 PM

Althea provided the below to explain SDU

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I'm leaving the whole email chain so you all can see.

SDU stands for State Distribution Unit and they handle the outside bank accounts. We pay them to open the mail, and to send the files. Our Disbursement unit in our office works only in our system making sure the payments go out correctly, or pull payments back from going out

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From: **Hill, Virginia G** <virginia.g.hill@wv.gov>
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Subject: Re: Emergency Purchase Request for SDU
To: Greenhowe, Althea M <althea.m.greenhowe@wv.gov>

Correct. I used to call it the Bank Contract but it's technically called SDU.

On Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 1:43 PM Greenhowe, Althea M <althea.m.greenhowe@wv.gov> wrote:
So these people are not state employees and that is what the service is called?

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On Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 1:31 PM Greenhowe, Althea M <althea.m.greenhowe@wv.gov> wrote:

So that's the group within your office, right? That's not what the service is called that we're doing the emergency purchase for? I think that's where the confusion is.

On Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 1:22 PM Hill, Virginia G <virginia.g.hill@wv.gov> wrote:
State Distribution Unit.

On Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 1:11 PM Greenhowe, Althea M <althea.m.greenhowe@wv.gov> wrote:
What does SDU stand for?

On Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 1:09 PM Hill, Virginia G <virginia.g.hill@wv.gov> wrote:

The SDU handles our outside bank accts. We have been using an outside Vendor since I had started working back in 2012 as the Treasurer's Office was not able to keep up with the amount of checks that were written each day as we cannot only write the checks once per week. They receive our mail from the post office, open and scan it into their system and send a file to the bank to deposit as well as send a file to our operating system. Do you need more information than that?

On Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 12:44 PM Greenhowe, Althea M <althea.m.greenhowe@wv.gov> wrote:
Can you email me what the SDU is and what it does?

Thanks!

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