

SOLE SOURCE DETERMINATION

The Purchasing Division has been requested to approve a sole source purchase for the commodity or service described below. Pursuant to West Virginia Code 5A-3-10c, the Purchasing Division is attempting to determine whether the commodity or service is a sole source procurement. If you believe your company meets the required experience and qualification criteria stated below, please e-mail the Purchasing Division at team@wvadmin.gov to express your interest in the project. Please forward any and all information that will support your company's compliance with required qualification and eligibility criteria along with any other pertinent information relative to this project to the Purchasing Division no later than 04/13/2007

Requisition Number: DEP13962

Department/Agency: Department of Environmental Protection

Detailed Description of the Project: Provide Comprehensive Brownfields Redevelopment Support to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, local governments, economic development agencies, and the West Virginia University and Marshall University Brownfield Assistance Centers. Vendor would also provide assistance to interested communities in applying for brownfield site assessment and cleanup grant funding from the U.S Environmental Protection Agency.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: National Institute for Chemical Studies (NICS)

Specific Eligibility Criteria. The scope of this project is to provide a Brownfield Assistance Coordinator that will provide technical assistance to WV's local governments and communities in preparing grant proposals and grant applications to secure funding in order to build local capacity to cleanup and redevelop contaminated property.

Specific Qualification Criteria: The National Institute for Chemical Studies is West Virginia nonprofit organization in business since 1985 with experience in environmental issues, public policy, hazardous chemical issues, and a history of assisting West Virginia communities with environmental related issues. NICS has been working with the WVDEP to provided assistance to West Virginia communities in cleaning up and redeveloping contaminated property since 2002. NICS is not an engineering or environmental consulting firm and does not conduct any activities related to environmental assessment or cleanup work. They will not be competing with any engineering or environmental consulting firm whose main source of revenue is doing environmental assessments and cleanup activities. We believe that any business that we hire to provide assistance in obtaining grant funding from EPA should not then be motivated by the possibility of receiving future contract from the communities they are assisting.