

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 February 2, 2007; 12:00 Noon

Requisition Number: DNR80125

Department/Agency: WV Division of Natural Resources - Wildlife Resources Section

Detailed Description of Project:

The Wildlife Resources Section of the WVDNR obtained a federal grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to assist Allegheny Wood Products, Inc. (AWP) develop a habitat conservation plan for federally threatened and endangered species on their property in Blackwater Canyon. AWP and its consultants have been working with the WVDNR and the USFWS to develop a plan to conserve the West Virginia northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus fuscus*), Cheat Mountain salamander (*Plethodon nettingi*), Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*), and Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*). The plan will protect federally listed species and allow AWP to manage their land in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: Allegheny Wood Products, Inc.

Specific Eligibility Criteria/ Specific Qualification Criteria:

AWP is the sole source for this contract because they are the owners of the property for which the plan is being developed. The plan must protect the federally listed species while allowing AWP to pursue activities that will allow them to manage the land in a way that is beneficial to them. AWP's proposed management plans are proprietary, and AWP wishes to keep them in-house. In addition, the federal grant requires a 25% match of non-federal monies, and AWP is providing the 25% match. Previously, portions of the USFWS grant were used by AWP to collect baseline data and to produce GIS

layers that will assist in preparing the plan. This contract will allow AWP to use data gathered earlier to develop the conservation plan.