

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 4/30/2007.

Requisition Number: LBS70431

Department/Agency: WVDHHR

Detailed Description of Project: To purchase reagents for the detection of Hepatitis C and HIV-1 and HIV-2 Plus O Group in serum specimen. Contract vendor is to provide a fully automated analyzer at no additional charge for use with the selected reagents.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: Bio Rad Laboratories
6565 185th Avenue NE
Redmond, WA 98052

Specific Eligibility Criteria: An internet search for an automated test system for HIV-1 and HIV-2 was done to determine the sole source for this contract. Results identified vendors who provided HIV-1 and HIV-2 test systems for the blood banking industry but did not have capability for HCV testing on their system. Test systems used for the blood banking industry are not used in clinical laboratories because of the ultra sensitivity of the procedures which could cause false positives.

Specific Qualification Criteria: This contract has been bid out 3 times previously. No other vendor can provide both of these products. Bio Rad was the only vendor to bid on all products requested on LBS70424 and LBS70426, but they had to be re-bid because of other concerns. Bio-Rad submitted a "No Bid" on LBS70428 because of an error by one of their employees or they would have been the only vendor to bid on it.

Section II (to be completed by Purchasing Division Buyer)

Purchasing Bulletin Advertising Date(s) _____

Interest Received: Yes _____ No _____

Action: Returned to Agency for Formal Advertising _____

Awarded to Suggested Vendor _____

Certified as Correct By: _____
(Buyer)

Date: _____

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