

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 Buyer at Shelly.L.Murray@wv.gov with a copy to Karen.Q.Byrd@wv.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 March 21, 2008.

Requisition Number: EDD1

Department/Agency:
WVDE/Assessment and Accountability

Detailed Description of Project:

Wireless Generation will work with WVDE and other partners to develop a newly enhanced assessment instrument for K-2/3 literacy. The new instrument may supplement the mCLASS: DIBELS assessment with additional components to measure comprehension and vocabulary. The project requires an established early literacy assessment provider, use of the DIBELS assessment, and a technology driven deliver modality. This project modifies an already existing project within the West Virginia Department of Education.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: WIRELESS GENERATION

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

Wireless Generation is a long time partner to WVDE providing mCLASS assessments to Reading First schools statewide. Moreover, Wireless Generation holds exclusive rights to deliver the DIBELS assessment electronically via handheld device.

Specific Qualification Criteria:

Wireless Generation has created proprietary software delivering a technology based solution that enables easier, more effective administration of commonly used early reading assessments for grades PreK- 6. Their mCLASS platform facilitates handheld test delivery with automated scoring and online reporting. As a recognized leader in formative and diagnostic assessment employing observational models, Wireless Generation will provide specific expertise and assessment knowledge in early elementary literacy measures, easy and efficient handheld computer-based administration, and a proven, scalable reporting platform.