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 Please forward any and all information that will in the project. support your company's compliance with required qualification and eligibility criteria along with any other pertinent information relative this project to the Purchasing Division no later than 7/23/2007

Requisition Number: LBS80422

Department/Agency: DHHR/BPH/Office of Laboratory Services

Detailed Description of Project:

Open-End contract to purchase products for typing of Streptocococcus pneumoniae isolates from human specimens to determine the effectiveness of the current Pneumococcal vaccine and provide products for the serotyping of Salmonella Isolates from human specimens.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: Mira Vista Diagnostics, Inc.

4444 Decatur Blvd., Ste. 300

Indianapolis, IN 46241

Specific Eligibility Criteria: The Pneumococcoal products are the only products available on the market to serotype specimens in approximately 2 minutes. These products are solely manufactured by SSI (Statens Serum Institut in Denmark) for which Mira Vista Diagnostics is the sole distributor in the United States.

While the Salmonella antisera products are not the only products available for testing of salmonella, they have been found to give the most accurate results. Other products used at OLS have given false positives.

Specific Qualification Criteria: Mira Vista Diagnostics is the sole distributor in the United States for Statens Serum Institut, the manufacturer of the only Pneumotest latex agglutination kit available to produce results in 2 minutes. This was determined through internet research, documentation from the vendor and the manufacturer. Attached you will find an internet article from the Journal of Clinical Microbiology, an e-mail and internet page from the manufacturer (Statens Serum Institut). The fact this has already been bid out and no other bids were received except from MiraVista (the U.S. Distributor), plus the research and additional documentation, qualifies this as a sole source purchase.