

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 Ron.N.Price@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 12/26/08.

Requisition Number: DEV9053 Department/Agency: WV Development Office

Detailed Description of Project: Provide technical assistance to the State's Main Street Program, as well as the 14 towns and cities throughout the state that participate in a program designed to promote the preservation of historic building and the revitalization of downtown business districts.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States and its National Main Street Center.

Specific Eligibility Criteria: The National Trust for Historic Preservation was created by federal legislation signed in 1949 to support and encourage grass roots efforts to preserve our historic structures as well as preserve our national heritage. The Trust operates as a charitable, educational, and non-profit corporation of the federal government.

The National Main Street Center of the Trust is an affiliate nonprofit organization of the Trust that was established in 1980 to provide consulting and financing services to cities and states undertaking Main Street programs. The revitalization strategy is now being used in more than 1200 cities in 40 states.

All of these cities and states that participate in this program are part of networks in which each local organization is considered a partner. It is, therefore, their philosophy that association between the National Main Street Center and the local participants is not simply a typical "consultant - client" relationship, but part of a movement to rebuild and develop communities.

Specific Qualification Criteria: The National Main Street Center certifies and designates all Main Street communities. In fact, the National Main Street Center owns the trademark. Therefore, if we moved away from them, we

would have to develop a whole new program and focus for our current program. The local communities participating in the program have and are incurring expenses to achieve and maintain their status as a Main Street community, such as employing a local director.