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 01/28/2009.

Requisition Number: EDD309933

Department/Agency: WV Department of Education

Detailed Description of Project:

The WV Department of Education intends to purchase a SQL reporting solution for the IBM iSeries platform which will include the integration of reporting capabilities over our current database and compatibility with existing regional administrative data systems.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor:

Help Systems
6533 Flying Cloud Drive
Suite 200
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

In order to provide data reporting solutions to WVDE staff, county school systems, and the general public, a native Structured Query Language Tool is necessary. Additionally, the tool needs to provide the WVDE with the ability to exchange data views, dashboards, and reports with a production data system currently used by county school systems.

Specific Qualification Criteria:

The primary platform for the WV Department of Education's WVEIS system is the IBM iSeries and as such we need a reporting tool that works in that arena. Help System's provides a native iSeries SQL solution which is the only native SQL solution currently providing pre-developed dashboards to users of CIMS III (the application used by the WVDE administrative data

system). As the creator of this Sequel product, Help Systems does not currently distribute this product through any resellers.

Help Systems Sequel is currently installed as a part of the production WVEIS system used by all fifty-five county school systems. In order for the WVDE to successfully deploy reports to county school systems, the same product must be used.