

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 02/26/2009.

Requisition Number: EDD311176 Department/Agency: West Virginia
Department of Education – Office of Institutional Education Programs

Detailed Description of Project: The West Virginia Department of Education's Office of Institutional Education Programs administers and provides direct service education programs in State correctional institutions, health and human resource facilities, juvenile detention centers, and regional jails throughout the state. Students at these facilities are at various educational levels. The Office of Institutional Education Programs needs courseware in the academic core subject areas that provides individualized computer-assisted instruction to meet academic and vocational program needs and allows versatility in learning to meet the needs of the institutionalized population.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: Plato

Specific Eligibility Criteria: Plato courseware is necessary in order for our schools to meet state and federal guidelines in various programs including, but not limited to, Adult Basic Education, GED, West Virginia State Board of Education policies, and federal regulations under the No Child Left Behind Act. In addition, Plato courseware meets our requirements for being

- non-internet based (due to security requirements and policies)
- server-based courseware
- site license
- specifically addresses sixth grade through adult learners
- geared towards students in a correctional setting
- utilized age appropriate graphics

Specific Qualification Criteria: Plato is the only company that can provide courseware that meets the bullets above. In addition, the Plato courseware is our implemented standard for instructional courseware throughout the schools in Institutional Education Programs.