

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 April 2, 2009.

Requisition Number: EDD311199 **Department/Agency:** Education

Detailed Description of Project:

Electronic school bus safety inspection reporting system that is downloadable to the internet through a docking station for access by the Department and the county school systems. It will also provide a chain-of-custody of all inspections. This system will provide monitoring and tracking of information that will help in evaluating school bus maintenance and performance.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor:

Zonar Systems Inc., 18200 Cascade Ave. S., Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98188

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

This electronic internet-based school bus inspection reporting system will be adapted specifically to WV Department of Education's inspection protocol. It will provide a verifiable electronic database of all WV school bus' equipment and materials that are subject to inspection. The hand-held reader will read RFID (radio-frequency identification) tags that identify the school bus. The reader prompts the inspector for the next inspection site on the bus and records information inputted by the inspector. The reader will transmit the information to a specific website where reports are generated and are accessible through the website.

Specific Qualification Criteria:

This inspection reporting system, according to our research is the only one of its kind. The Zonar system is protected under US Patents and the patent has not been sold. It has also been approved by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for use for mandated safety inspections. The system is manufactured exclusively for Zonar in the US.