

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 Krista.s.ferrell@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 February 9, 2009.

Requisition Number: GSD096434

Department/Agency: General Services

Detailed Description of Project: Fabrication of reproduction antique radiator covers original to the West Virginia State Capitol Building (Building #1) located on the West Virginia State Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia. Many of the original radiator covers have disappeared over the years since their installation in the Main Unit, East and West Wings in the late 1920's and early 1930's. 121 of the units need replacement. The units needs fabricated from sheet metal - with brass lids - and powder-coated to both color the units and to seal them against the heat generated by radiators. It is the intent of the Agency to create an open-end contract lasting one year, with two one-year renewals thereafter to accomplish the reproduction of all 121 units in approximately three years' time, during which releases will be generated to reproduce approximately 10 units at a time. Drawings of the required units, including the measurements required for the units to fit the available spaces, will be supplied with each release. The sizes of individual units will vary; therefore, the Agency wishes to formulate a contract based on 5 different size categories: units of 0-25000 cubic inches, 25001 - 30000 cubic inches, 30001 - 35000 cubic inches, 35001-40000 cubic inches, and units of 40001-50000 cubic inches.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal Company of Charleston, WV.

Specific Eligibility Criteria: The necessary ornate detail work on the radiator covers requires the use of a flow-jet metal cutting machine or laser cutting; however, laser cutting equipment will not work due to the warping it causes in the 20 guage mild steel (required thickness to match original units), and the impossibility of using laser cutting to cut the brass lids/covers (50mil 260-1/2 hard brass). The vendor must also have powder-coating equipment to accomplish the painting of the fabricated units.

Specific Qualification Criteria: Vendor must be able to use and interpret Auto-Cad drawings to fabricate the units from drawings and measurements to be used in existing spaces without radiators. Vendor must be able to visit the Main Building to field verify measurements and coordinate selection of which units are to be fabricated and in what order, with no additional travel expenses allowed (any travel or freight expenses will be included in the base cost for each unit in each size category). Vendor must be able to work on multiple units of various sizes simultaneously, delivering them completed in a timely manner (approximately sixty days from the issuance of each release). Vendor must be able to demonstrate experience in fabricating items of both sheet metal and brass.