



State of West Virginia
 Department of Administration
 Purchasing Division
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Request for Quotation

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<p>THE WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION, FOR THE AGENCY, THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IS SOLICITING BIDS FOR A FIRM TO ALIGN CONTENT STANDARDS AND OBJECTIVES TO THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PER THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS.</p> <p>TECHNICAL QUESTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO SHELLY MURRAY IN THE WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION VIA MAIL AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN AT THE TOP OF THIS RFQ, VIA FAX AT 304-558-4115, OR VIA EMAIL AT SHELLY.L.MURRAY@WV.GOV. DEADLINE FOR ALL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS IS 7/20/2009 AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS. ALL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS RECEIVED, IF ANY, WILL BE ADDRESSED BY ADDENDUM AFTER THE DEADLINE.</p> <p>QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ACTUAL PROCESS BY WHICH A VENDOR MAY SUBMIT A BID TO THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND MAY BE SUBMITTED AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE RFQ OPENING AND IN ANY FORMAT.</p> <p>CONSULTING, EDUCATIONAL</p> <p>EXHIBIT 3</p> <p>LIFE OF CONTRACT: THIS CONTRACT BECOMES EFFECTIVE UPON AWARD AND EXTENDS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR OR UNTIL SUCH "REASONABLE TIME" THEREAFTER AS IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A NEW CONTRACT OR RENEW THE</p>						

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**GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS
REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

1. Awards will be made in the best interest of the State of West Virginia.
2. The State may accept or reject in part, or in whole, any bid.
3. All quotations are governed by the *West Virginia Code* and the *Legislative Rules* of the Purchasing Division.
4. Prior to any award, the apparent successful vendor must be properly registered with the Purchasing Division and have paid the required \$125 fee.
5. All services performed or goods delivered under State Purchase Order/Contracts are to be continued for the term of the Purchase Order/Contracts, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for these services or goods, this Purchase Order/Contract becomes void and of no effect after June 30.
6. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services.
7. Interest may be paid for late payment in accordance with the *West Virginia Code*.
8. Vendor preference will be granted upon written request in accordance with the *West Virginia Code*.
9. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
10. The Director of Purchasing may cancel any Purchase Order/Contract upon 30 days written notice to the seller.
11. The laws of the State of West Virginia and the *Legislative Rules* of the Purchasing Division shall govern all rights and duties under the Contract, including without limitation the validity of this Purchase Order/Contract.
12. Any reference to automatic renewal is hereby deleted. The Contract may be renewed only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
13. **BANKRUPTCY:** In the event the vendor/contractor files for bankruptcy protection, the State may deem this contract null and void, and terminate such contract without further order.
14. **HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM:** The West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, and available online at the Purchasing Division's web site (<http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm>) is hereby made part of the agreement. Provided that, the Agency meets the definition of a Cover Entity (45 CFR §160.103) and will be disclosing Protected Health Information (45 CFR §160.103) to the vendor.
15. **WEST VIRGINIA ALCOHOL & DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT:** If this Contract constitutes a public improvement construction contract as set forth in Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code ("The West Virginia Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Act"), then the following language shall hereby become part of this Contract: "The contractor and its subcontractors shall implement and maintain a written drug-free workplace policy in compliance with the West Virginia Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Act, as set forth in Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code. The contractor and its subcontractors shall provide a sworn statement in writing, under the penalties of perjury, that they maintain a valid drug-free work place policy in compliance with the West Virginia and Drug-Free Workplace Act. It is understood and agreed that this Contract shall be cancelled by the awarding authority if the Contractor: 1) Fails to implement its drug-free workplace policy; 2) Fails to provide information regarding implementation of the contractor's drug-free workplace policy at the request of the public authority; or 3) Provides to the public authority false information regarding the contractor's drug-free workplace policy."

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Use the quotation forms provided by the Purchasing Division.
2. **SPECIFICATIONS:** Items offered must be in compliance with the specifications. Any deviation from the specifications must be clearly indicated by the bidder. Alternates offered by the bidder as **EQUAL** to the specifications must be clearly defined. A bidder offering an alternate should attach complete specifications and literature to the bid. The Purchasing Division may waive minor deviations to specifications.
3. Complete all sections of the quotation form.
4. Unit prices shall prevail in case of discrepancy.
5. All quotations are considered F.O.B. destination unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the quotation.
6. **BID SUBMISSION:** All quotations must be delivered by the bidder to the office listed below prior to the date and time of the bid opening. Failure of the bidder to deliver the quotations on time will result in bid disqualifications: Department of Administration, Purchasing Division, 2019 Washington Street East, P.O. Box 50130, Charleston, WV 25305-0130



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<p>ORIGINAL CONTRACT. THE "REASONABLE TIME" PERIOD SHALL NOT EXCEED TWELVE (12) MONTHS. DURING THIS "REASONABLE TIME" THE VENDOR MAY TERMINATE THIS CONTRACT FOR ANY REASON UPON GIVING THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE.</p> <p>UNLESS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS ARE STIPULATED ELSEWHERE IN THIS CONTRACT DOCUMENT, THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PRICING SET HEREIN ARE FIRM FOR THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT.</p> <p>RENEWAL: THIS CONTRACT MAY BE RENEWED UPON THE MUTUAL WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SPENDING UNIT AND VENDOR, SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE. SUCH RENEWAL SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS.</p> <p>CANCELLATION: THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE VENDOR IF THE COMMODITIES AND/OR SERVICES SUPPLIED ARE OF AN INFERIOR QUALITY OR DO NOT CONFORM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE BID AND CONTRACT HEREIN.</p> <p>OPEN MARKET CLAUSE: THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING MAY AUTHORIZE A SPENDING UNIT TO PURCHASE ON THE OPEN MARKET, WITHOUT THE FILING OF A REQUISITION OR COST ESTIMATE, ITEMS SPECIFIED ON THIS CONTRACT FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IN EMERGENCIES DUE TO UNFORESEEN CAUSES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DELAYS IN TRANSPORTATION OR AN UNANTICIPATED INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF WORK.)</p> <p>BANKRUPTCY: IN THE EVENT THE VENDOR/CONTRACTOR FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION, THE STATE MAY DEEM THE</p>						

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PLEASE PROVIDE A FAX NUMBER IN CASE IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTACT YOU REGARDING YOUR BID:						

CONTACT PERSON (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):						

***** THIS IS THE END OF RFQ EDD316992 ***** TOTAL: _____						

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PROCUREMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Operating Environment

The West Virginia Department of Education is located in Building 6, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305. The Office of Assessment, Accountability & Research is responsible for overseeing the administration of statewide assessments to all students in West Virginia.

General Requirements:

The purpose of the Request for Quotation (RFQ) is to seek bids from vendors qualified to provide, as per federal requirements, a pre-field test **and** a post-field test alignment study of the 21st Century West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives and the West Virginia Educational Standards Test 2 (WESTEST 2) assessments in one content area – science, for two grade levels - grades 10 and 11. The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) requires a vendor with a proven record of expertise, capacity and delivery to complete the federal mandate for a high quality alignment study. An unbiased external reviewer must conduct the study.

The external alignment study must address, both quantitatively and qualitatively, the comprehensiveness of tests in terms of gaps and weaknesses, emphasis and depth of knowledge as well as thinking skill distribution to ensure the alignment of content and performance descriptors with the assessment.

Vendor Qualifications:

The vendor must prove the following. It is preferred that this information be submitted with the bid, however, it must be submitted within 24 hours of request.

- Provide documentation including reports that the vendor has completed three or more state alignment evaluations of state assessments by grade level to the state's content standards and academic achievement descriptors in each of the following content areas: reading/language arts, mathematics and science as per the respective state content standards and descriptors by grade level that were in any Federal Title I Peer Review conducted from February 2005 to date.
- Provide documentation of completion of at least 3 alignment studies of state assessments to a state's curricular content standards and objectives that have occurred within the last two years.
- The vendor's selected reviewers for the project must have previously participated in similar reviews for three statewide or large district alignment studies.

Scope of the Work (Future Deliverables):

WVDE requires that the vendor must provide: an item review (of the WESTEST 2 Field Test Item bank) prior to the development of field test forms; a pre-field test alignment; and a post-field test alignment. The item review would occur after award of the contract, and not before September 2009. The item review must identify item alignment issues and sources of challenge that would prevent test items from being used in either the field or operational test forms.

The item review (of the Field Test Item Bank) shall provide the following information:

- A written summary report must provide results of the analysis of the WESTEST 2 field test item banks for science for grades 10 and 11 that identifies the content match, level of complexity and sources of challenge, if any, for each item in the field test item bank
- Suggested edits that need to be made to identified items to rectify the deficiencies found

Future deliverables which the vendor is required to meet upon award of the contract include external alignments of the WESTEST 2 to the 21st Century West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives consisting of:

- the pre-field test alignment, which must be conducted no later than October 2009
- the post-field test alignment, which must be conducted no later than September 2011

After award, the successful vendor will be required to develop clearly articulated procedures that address the following criteria:

- linkage of the assessment to the grade level content standards and objectives
- alignment of grade level performance descriptors with the assessment
- show the coverage of assessment to the breadth of the standards
- evaluate the alignment of items and standards complexity – depth of knowledge
- show categorical concurrence of items matching to standards
- cognitive complexity as related to the grade level descriptors
- provide balance of representation of items on the assessment
- established training process and materials for reviewers

The study must provide the following products for both the pre-field test and post-field test alignment study:

- a written summary report that provides results of the analysis of the science alignment for grades 10 and 11
- explicit identification data detailing whether the standards and assessments are aligned or not aligned
- graphs, tables, charts, as appropriate, to report the analysis for each criterion for each standard within a content area
- data file summarizing how each reviewer coded each item
- a report on inter-rater (reviewer) reliability
- recommended action to correct alignment deficiencies

The item review must be completed and submitted to WVDE by September 15, 2009.

Incurring Costs:

The state and any of its employees or officers shall not be held liable for any expenses incurred by any bidder responding to this RFQ for expenses to prepare, deliver the bid, or to attend any meetings.

Price Quotations:

The price(s) quoted in the bidder's proposal will not be subject to any increase and will be considered firm for the life of the contract. Cost shall be all-inclusive. No separate reimbursement will be made for any travel, overhead or incidental expenses. Payment upon delivery and subsequent Invoice from vendor.

The projected costs for **Review of the Field Test Item Bank** for all content areas are:

Fee for reviewers/consultant honoraria	\$ _____
Preparations for the study	\$ _____
Data analysis and report writing	\$ _____
Normals, including printing, mailing	\$ _____
Subtotal (for Item Review)	\$ _____

The projected costs for the alignment studies for all content areas are as follows:

	Pre-field Test
Fee for reviewers/consultant honoraria	\$ _____
Preparations for the study	\$ _____
Data analysis and report writing	\$ _____
Normals, including printing, mailing	\$ _____
Subtotal (for Pre-field Test)	\$ _____

	Post-field Test
Fee for reviewers/consultant honoraria	\$ _____
Preparations for the study	\$ _____
Data analysis and report writing	\$ _____
Normals, including printing, mailing	\$ _____
Subtotals (for post-field Test)	\$ _____

RFQ Total (including item review, pre-field test and post-field test) \$ _____

State of West Virginia **VENDOR PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE**

Certification and application* is hereby made for Preference in accordance with **West Virginia Code**, §5A-3-37. (Does not apply to construction contracts). **West Virginia Code**, §5A-3-37, provides an opportunity for qualifying vendors to request (at the time of bid) preference for their residency status. Such preference is an evaluation method only and will be applied only to the cost bid in accordance with the **West Virginia Code**. This certificate for application is to be used to request such preference. The Purchasing Division will make the determination of the Resident Vendor Preference, if applicable.

- 1. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 Bidder is an individual resident vendor and has resided continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,
 Bidder is a partnership, association or corporation resident vendor and has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or 80% of the ownership interest of Bidder is held by another individual, partnership, association or corporation resident vendor who has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,
 Bidder is a nonresident vendor which has an affiliate or subsidiary which employs a minimum of one hundred state residents and which has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia continuously for the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,
- 2. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 Bidder is a resident vendor who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees working on the project being bid are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or**,
- 3. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 Bidder is a nonresident vendor employing a minimum of one hundred state residents or is a nonresident vendor with an affiliate or subsidiary which maintains its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia employing a minimum of one hundred state residents who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees or Bidder's affiliate's or subsidiary's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or**,
- 4. **Application is made for 5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**
 Bidder meets either the requirement of both subdivisions (1) and (2) or subdivision (1) and (3) as stated above; **or**,
- 5. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**
 Bidder is an individual resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard and has resided in West Virginia continuously for the four years immediately preceding the date on which the bid is submitted; **or**,
- 6. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**
 Bidder is a resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard, if, for purposes of producing or distributing the commodities or completing the project which is the subject of the vendor's bid and continuously over the entire term of the project, on average at least seventy-five percent of the vendor's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two immediately preceding years.

Bidder understands if the Secretary of Revenue determines that a Bidder receiving preference has failed to continue to meet the requirements for such preference, the Secretary may order the Director of Purchasing to: (a) reject the bid; or (b) assess a penalty against such Bidder in an amount not to exceed 5% of the bid amount and that such penalty will be paid to the contracting agency or deducted from any unpaid balance on the contract or purchase order.

By submission of this certificate, Bidder agrees to disclose any reasonably requested information to the Purchasing Division and authorizes the Department of Revenue to disclose to the Director of Purchasing appropriate information verifying that Bidder has paid the required business taxes, provided that such information does not contain the amounts of taxes paid nor any other information deemed by the Tax Commissioner to be confidential.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code, §61-5-3), Bidder hereby certifies that this certificate is true and accurate in all respects; and that if a contract is issued to Bidder and if anything contained within this certificate changes during the term of the contract, Bidder will notify the Purchasing Division in writing immediately.

Bidder: _____ Signed: _____

Date: _____ Title: _____

**Check any combination of preference consideration(s) indicated above, which you are entitled to receive.*

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Purchasing Division

PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

VENDOR OWING A DEBT TO THE STATE:

West Virginia Code §5A-3-10a provides that: No contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS & DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT:

If this is a solicitation for a public improvement construction contract, the vendor, by its signature below, affirms that it has a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy in compliance with Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the *West Virginia Code*. The vendor **must** make said affirmation with its bid submission. Further, public improvement construction contract may not be awarded to a vendor who does not have a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy in compliance with Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the *West Virginia Code* and who has not submitted that plan to the appropriate contracting authority in timely fashion. For a vendor who is a subcontractor, compliance with Section 5, Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the *West Virginia Code* may take place before their work on the public improvement is begun.

ANTITRUST:

In submitting a bid to any agency for the state of West Virginia, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted the bidder will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the state of West Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the state of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the state of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to the bidder.

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership or person or entity submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I further certify that I am authorized to sign the certification on behalf of the bidder or this bid.

LICENSING:

Vendors must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agencies or political subdivision. Furthermore, the vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Director or spending unit to verify that the vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

The vendor agrees that he or she will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the agency's policies, procedures and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/noticeConfidentiality.pdf>.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (*West Virginia Code* §61-5-3), it is hereby certified that the vendor affirms and acknowledges the information in this affidavit and is in compliance with the requirements as stated.

Vendor's Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____