

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 Ron.N.Price@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 08/28/2009.

Requisition Number: EDD322768 **Department/Agency:** Education

Detailed Description of Project:

In order to increase the use of instructional technology and to help career and technical teachers remain current in their instruction, the WVDE wishes to make available to high schools and career and technical centers online supplemental training, blended learning and support materials in the area of manufacturing and metalworking. We want online, individually paced, units of instruction that use text, audio and video lessons and incorporate an evaluative component. There must also be a management system that assists the teacher with program administration and documents both class and individual student performance and assessment in real time. The ability to export in Microsoft Office formats is important. Content must utilize current industry standards and processes.

Proposed Sole Source Vendor: Tooling University (*ToolingU*)

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

The WVDE desires to purchase an online learning management system that (1) can be used by Career and Technical instructors in a wide variety of Engineering and Technical concentrations; (2) is aligned to NIMS and other industry standards, (3) is delivered via a learning management system that tracks and reports student access and progress in real time and; (4) includes interactive learning tools, flash based tools, simulations and evaluations.

Specific Qualification Criteria:

The product provided by ToolingU delivers 240+ classes addressing a wide range of subjects ranging from CNC machine, manual machining, stamping, welding, assembly, safety print reading, maintenance, and math applications in industry. Tooling University products are mapped to each individual

National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS) standard to help students prepare for NIMS certification. The products are the same products used by companies in the manufacturing sector for onsite online industry training. The product enables teachers and the WVDE to conduct real-time monitoring of student performance through various online reporting tools. The interactive learning tools provided by ToolingU include numerous flash-based tools, CNC brand specific simulators, and periodic formative and summative evaluation instruments.